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...f Poland: Stop That Aggression!

Armed Might Shll Not Be Last Argument

PREMIER'S STATEIENT IN COMMON!

Anglo-French Assuance To Warsaw: Rome Srprised

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British ...mier, made a short statement relating to the international sit...on, in the House of Commons. He referred to certain negotiatio...that are now proceeding with other Governments" and said tha...he statement was intended to make clear the British Governmen...position for the interregnum, before those consultations were c...luded.

Assurance To Poland

Mr. Chamberlain told the Commons th...the British Government had assured the Polish Government that ...the event of any action, during the interim period which clearly ...atened Polish independence and which the Polish Government ...rdingly considered it vital to resist with their national forces, ... British Government would feel themselves bound to lend the ...sh Government all the support in their power."

Position Of France

He added that he had the authority ... the French Government to state that they also stood in the same ...ition as the British Government in this matter.

Dramatic End

LONDON, March 31.

The whole statement and the supplementary question and answers occupied seventeen minutes. That period ended in dramatic fashion.

Labourite Bellenger had indicated that on April 3 a certain Opposition speaker would reserve the right to express doubt whether Mr. Chamberlain was the most suitable man to lead the new policy. Immediately Labourite Thurtle rose and said:

IF HE IS SINCERE

"There may be another Prime ...inister who can take charge ... affairs in this country at ...is grave hour, but if the pre...t Prime Minister is now gen...ely and sincerely convinced ...out any mental reservations ...it is necessary to pursue this ... policy of ...aling friends of ... then I think, in view of ...orld reputation as a man of ... he is, probably the best ...or the job." (Loud minis...heers and some Labour ...

...House adjourned until ...-Reuter.

...OF PREMIER'S ...ATEMENT

...ONDON, March 31.

... Minister was chee... ...g the House at 2-... important stat... ...national affairs. ... the text of ...

...s morning ...ment have ...on of the ...ojected at... ...hey must ... ...n as accep... ... glad to e... ... stating a... ...ent's ged... ...nstantly-... ... by wo... ...tween ne... ...any e... ...e been ...at is ...er se, ...Their ...nces- ...d by ...uld ...ub- ...of ...ego- ...

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...the ...ish Government's position in ...meantime, before those con...stions are concluded, I now...ve to inform the House tha...ring that period, in the even...f any action, which clearly ...atened Polish independe...and which the Polish Govern...nt accordingly considered it ...l to resist with their natio...l forces, the British Governm... would feel themselves bo...d at once to lend the Polish ...rnment all the support in ...l power. They have given t...Polish Government an as...nce to this effect. I may add ... the French Government has ...horised me to make it plain ... they stand in the same ...tion in this matter as do the ...ish Government."

NOT FINAL STAND

...eplying to supplementary ...estions Mr. Chamberlain said ...at he thought his statement ...de clear that what he said ...s intended to cover in interim ...riod.

The Government were in con...ultation with various other ...owers, including the Soviet ...overnment.

Lord Halifax saw M. Maisky ...his morning and had a very ...ull discussion with him on the ...ubject. I have no doubt the principles on which we are acting are fully understood and appreciated by the Soviet Government, Colonel Beck's visit will provide an opportunity for discussing the various further measures that may be taken in order to accumulate the maximum amount of co-operation in any efforts that may be made to put an end to aggression—if aggression were intended—and substitute for it the more reasonable and orderly method of discussion. The question of a conference is simply a matter of expediency. We have no theoretical views about conference, if they prove to be the best way. If there are other more effective ways of achieving our object, we might dispense with conferences Dominions are being kept fully informed."—Reuter.

Effect On Stock Exchange

LONDON:—Mr. Chamberlain's statement was available on the Stock Exchange shortly before close and made a good impression and the ...e became distinctly firmer.—R...er.

Need To Develop New Policy

LONDON:—The first reaction among members of the House of

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QUESTION OF DANZIG

Chamberlain's Statement Is No Bar Against German-Polish Parleys

LONDON, March 31.

"A further statement by the Prime Minister is expected when conversations with other countries are completed," says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

The United States has been fully informed of the situation as it has developed and Washington was informed of the contents of Mr. Chamberlain's statement before it was delivered. It is emphasised in Whitehall that the decision to make a statement was not taken in view of some disturbing information which was not published but arose logically from the general tension in Europe and the situation brought about by Germany's incursion into Bohemia and Moravia.

The German Press' anti-Polish campaign and general effervescence on the Polish question, which appear to be following previous patterns, occasioned the feeling that not the slightest risk of the speed with which events must be taken especially in view can now move. The possibility of Polish-German negotiations with regard to Danzing is certainly not regarded as excluded by Mr. Chamberlain's statement. On the contrary it is emphasised the Prime Minister stated that the Government constantly advocated adjustment of differences by free negotiation.—Reuter.

Egypt's Unity Lesson For India

DELEGATION'S HOPE IN YOUNG MUSLIMS

Bombay Premier Hopes For Future Exchange Of Good-will Missions

BOMBAY, Friday.

"We will be leaving India's shores to-morrow with a message of friendship from a country which is on her way to freedom to our own motherland, whose fight for freedom has been crowned with success.

CALL TO INDIANS

"We hope every Indian will do his duty towards his country, irrespective of his caste or creed, just as every Egyptian did his when the freedom's battle was on. We wish you every success in your efforts".

THIS INSPIRING MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO INDIA BY THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IN THE COURSE OF A REPLY TO A WELCOME GIVEN TO THEM BY THE BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE THIS EVENING, IN THE CONGRESS HOUSE COMPOUND.

The function was attended by over two hundred guests including the Premier, several Ministers and members of the Legislature.

Egyptian Stood As One Man

Addressing the Muslim Students' Union later, the delegationists said:—

"We Egyptians are only 60 million. But we stood as one man, and fought our freedom's battle. That is how we could achieve our goal. India will be free on the day all her people unite and India's freedom will be the freedom of all Islamic and Arabic countries."

RECEPTION AT CONGRESS HOUSE

The Delegation were received by Mr Nagindas Master, Mr. S. K. Patil and others on behalf of the B. P. C. C.

Welcoming the delegation, Mr. Nagindas Master said that India was grateful to Egypt for sending its representatives to the Tripuri session which was a unique session in many respects. The Congress owed it to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that the invitation to the delegation had been accepted by them.

Mr Nagindas Master referred to the individual members of the delegation and to their great sacrifices in the cause of their country.

KHER'S MESSAGE

The Hon Mr. B G. Kher hoped that the present visit of the delegationists would be a precursor of many more visits by representatives of Egypt. He requested the delegation to convey to Egypt the good wishes of India.

Replying to the welcome, the delegationists said that though their stay in India was a short one, there were many things about India's political movement which they could learn. After their visit to Tripuri, they had realised the greatness of India's non-violent fight.

TRIBUTE TO MAHATMA.

But more than anything else, their talk with India's greatest leader, Mahatma Gandhi, was of supreme value to them because they had learnt from him all that they wanted regarding India's political movement. They were thankful to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru whom they referred to as the initiator of these goodwill missions.

The delegationists hoped that India would also send its representatives to Egypt and try to understand the Egyptians better.

The delegation was presented with a National Flag in silver on behalf of the B. P. C. C.

LESSON OF UNITY FROM EGYPT

"Egypt achieved independence mainly because of the unity of the Egyptians. We did not think in terms of minori-

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Send Off To Wafd Delegation

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee write:—

The Delegation of the Egyptian Wafd Party headed by Mahmud Bassiuni Bey, who came to India to attend the Tripuri Session of the Indian National Congress goes back to Egypt to-day (Saturday) by the P. & O. Mail Boat the "Viceroy of India."

The Delegation will be given a public send-off by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee at the Mole Station, (Ballard Pier) at 11 a.m. (S.T.) Volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal and other Corps are requested to be present at the Mole Station at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.)

On behalf of the Indian National Congress we wish the members of the Delegation a "Bon Voyage."

'NAZI ACTIVITIES' IN PATAGONIA

BUENOS AIRES, March 31.

It is authoritatively learned that President Ortiz is ordering an investigation into press allegations of Nazi activities in Patagonia.—Reuter.

'BON VOYAGE' AND 'AU REVOIR'

The Egyptian Delegation sent by the Wafd Party to the Indian National Congress sails back to their country after a three-week's crowded programme in India.

The visit of the Delegation marks a landmark in the history of the Indian National struggle. For the first time a concrete orientation of our foreign policy was made. India's solidarity with the people struggling to be free in other parts of the world has been given demonstrative shape. The credit and the nation's thanks are due to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru who is instrumental more than any one else for such a happy augury.

During their stay in India, members of the Delegations attended the plenary session of the National Congress. "Marvellous" is the only term they could muster to express their impression of it.

Their visit has cemented our mutual relations. Their departure gives the assurance of continued unity of the people of India and those of Egypt.

To the delegation 'bon voyage' and 'au revoir'.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, UNITED PROVINCES.

NOTICE.

(1266/27-39.)

The last date for receipt of applications for the post of Principal, Government Jail Training School, Lucknow, which was advertised by the Commission in their notice, dated February, 13, 1939, has been extended to April 30, 1939. Prescribed forms of application and other particulars can be had from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, United Provinces, Allahabad, on requisition.

Dated Allahabad, March 25, 1939.

(10901)

EASTER HOLIDAYS

THE FLYING RANEE leaving Bombay Central at 18-5 hours on Thursday, April 6th will halt at the following additional Stations. Gholvad, Umbergaon Road and Sanjan.

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B. B. & C. I. R.

(10870)

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Bombay, 1st April, 1939.

TRAFFIC MANAGER.

(10911)

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from the intending contractors for the supply of liquor to the Jhalawar State for a period of 5 years, beginning from the 1st of October, 1939. The present supply rate of Mahuwa liquor in the Jhalawar Distillery, situate at Bhawanimandi, a flourishing commercial centre on the B. B. & C. I. Ry., Nagda Muttra Section. The in-coming supply contractor will have to purchase from the out-going contractor, the Distillery building and the plant fitted therein, together with the stock of liquor at various warehouses and the stock of Gur, Mahuwa, fuel, etc. valued approximating between Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 thousand. Various other kinds of liquor are also manufactured in the Distillery, the supply rates of which can be ascertained from the undersigned.

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(a) Liquor... 6292 L. P. Gallons.
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(d) Charas....., 1 md. 4 seers.
(e) Opium..... 5 mds. 5 seers.

N. B.—Opium and Charas are supplied to contractors from the State Ware House at fixed prices, details of which can be had from the undersigned.

THAKUR ZALIM SINGH,
Superintendent.

Customs, Excise & Forest,
Jhalawar State,
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Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or stations.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership existing between BHULABHAI UJABHAI PATEL and OCHHALAL SHANKERLAL PARIKH and another carrying on business as dealers in Motors, Motor Assories and spare parts, tyres etc., at Krishna Building, Sandhurst Road under the name, style and firm of Messrs K. PAREKH & CO., has been dissolved as from the 1st day of March, 1939, by mutual consent of the partners.

All assets and debts due to the said firm will be received and all trade debts of the said firm will be paid by Mr. Ochhal Shankerlal Parikh, c|o The Western Motor Corporation. Hall Building, Lamington Road, Bombay.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1939.

OCHHAVLAL S. PARIKH. (10

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership heretofore subsisting between MAHOMEDBHAI VALIBHAI, ISMAIL MAHOMEDBHAI, NENSEY SOJPAL and THAKERSEY HIRJI, carrying on business under the name, style and firm of ISMAIL MAHOMEDBHAI & CO., in Export and Import of Gum, Incense and other groceries at Bhimpura Dongri Street, No. 146 has been dissolved as from the 30th of Aso Vad S. Y. 1994, i.e., the 23rd October 1938.

The undersigned MAHOMEDBHAI VALIBHAI and ISMAIL MAHOMEDBHAI have no interest in and are not concerned with the similar business now set up and carried on at the same place by the said NENSEY SOJPAL and the said THAKERSEY HIRJI together in partnership under the name and style of LAXMICHAND RATANSEY & CO.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1939.

MAHOMEDBHAI VALIBHAI,
ISMAIL MAHOMEDBHAI.

(10925)

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from British subjects or who being non-British subjects are persons in respect of whom a declaration of eligibility for service has been issued under section 262 (2) of the Government of India Act, 1935, (men and women), who are preferably natives of Bombay Province, for the following posts:

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Full details will be found in 1 of the *Bombay Government Gazette*, dated 30th March April 1939, or can be obtained requisition, enclosing an sed envelope bearing a postage stamp. Copies printed prescribed form cation can be had on rupee one in cash from of the Commission or Indian Postal Order the "Secretary. Public Service which should accompany quisition for the f by Money Order or will not be accep *tempt, direct or i ence the Secretary of the Commissi the candidate.* ceiving the April, 1939.

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AROUND THE COURTS

Bombay, Friday.

Mahomed Shafi Natha Miya was sentenced to transportation for life by Mr. Justice Wassoodev at the High Court Sessions on the jury finding him guilty of the murder of his wife, Munirabai, on December 14 last.

The motive for the offence was ill-feeling between the couple, resulting from frequent domestic quarrels.

Body Washed Ashore At Marine Drive

The body of a person aged about thirty was found washed ashore, at New Marine Drive, on Thursday. The name Aba Sakharam was found tattooed on the right arm.

A verdict of death "caused by asphyxiation due to drowning in the sea either suicidal or accidental," was returned by the Coroner's Jury.

"No False Representations Made", Says Magistrate

Judgment was delivered on Thursday, by Mr. Oscar Brown, at the Mazagaon Police Court, in the case in which a middle-aged Bhatia man was alleged to have been cheated by the accused making a married woman personate an unmarried girl of seventeen and was thus duped into marrying her.

The names of the accused are (1) Umarsi Bhanji, (2) Bai Mathuri, the wife of the first accused, (3) Madhavdas Karsandas and (4) Kanji Pragji.

All the accused stood charged with cheating by personation and abetment.

INCREDIBLE EVIDENCE.

The magistrate in the course of the judgment observed that the chief witnesses being the relatives of the complainant, it was difficult to accept their evidence.

"It was incredible that complainant took her to be a girl of eighteen. She bears on her forehead a blue mark which has been tattoed. This mark is never worn by Bhatia girls and this in itself was a sufficient proof that she was not a Bhatia but of a lower caste.

"I find it incredible to believe that in the intimacy of the bridal chamber, complainant did not discover that the second accused was not a virgin. The complainant imposes upon our credulity to this extent that he says that during those four months he lived and cohabited with her, he never once suspected that she was married and that she was over seventeen or eighteen years of age and that she was not a Bhatia. Her appearance, language, mode of life, caste-customs and other indications would point unmistakably to the fact that she was not a Bhatia."

"The third and the fourth accused made it clear that the complainant was aware that she was not a Bhatia. He was prepared to marry but was afraid of the repercussions in his community. It was for this reason that he obtained the document written out by his brother for the complainant's protection in case awkward questions were asked.

In conclusion, the Magistrate said, 'I am satisfied that on the evidence from the documents, that no false representations were made to the complainant, that he was aware as a man of the world whom he was marrying and that this case has been filed merely to get himself rehabilitated in the community. For these reasons, I reject the prosecution case and acquit the accused."

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF KENT ARRIVING AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY FOR THE BANQUET, WHICH PRECEDED THE GALA PERFORMANCE AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, LONDON, WHEN THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND HIS WIFE PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON.

Sir Roger Lumley (seated in the centre) presided over the Children's Aid Society Annual General Meeting in the Sir C. J. Hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Meyer Nissim is seen addressing the gathering.

The Bombay Journalists' Association gave a reception to the Egyptian Delegation at the 'Times of India' Club on Thursday evening. A group photo taken on the occasion.

Alleged Burglars Of Leather Goods Shop

Sunder Balkrishna, Gajanan Sonoo, Allaudin Ebrahim, Surjoo Prasad Jankiprasad, Noormohamad and Abdul Samad and Abdul Kadar were arrested on a charge of house-breaking and theft. They were produced before Mr. K. J. Khambatta, the Presidency Magistrate of Girgaum Court today.

In the course of his statement the Lamington Road Police said that the complainant is the owner of Boots and Shoes Mart situated at Grant Road. On the night of 6th instant the shop was broken into and a number of pairs of sandles and chappals worth Rs. 80-14 were stolen. Police were informed of the burglary which they with difficulty traced and arrested the above six persons. As some of the property is still to be recovered they were remanded into police custody till 3rd April.

Accidental Death Of A Boy

A boy of eight while running across the road at the junction of Wilson Road and Vithalbhai Patel Road, slipped and fell down on his face. At that moment a Victoria passed over his back, rendering the boy unconscious.

He was removed to the J. J. Hospital where he died to-day.

The Coroner's Jury returned the verdict of death "caused by internal haemorrhage due to rupture of liver. The boy who had accidentally fallen down was equally accidentally run over by a hack Victoria."

ECHO OF BANDRA DRAINAGE TRAGEDY

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, March 31.

Mr. M. A. Bhave, Sessions Judge, Thana is engaged hearing arguments in two important criminal appeals filed by Bandra Municipal Engineer, Mr. V. R. Kulkarni and others against their convictions by the then Bandra First class Magistrate Mr. V. N. Pradhan under Sec. 304A of the Indian Penal Code in connection with the drainage tragedy of last year which involved the deaths of five coolies due to a collapse of earthworks.

Sir Govind Pradhan and P. V. Patil appear for the appellants while Mr. M. S. Rangnekar, Public Prosecutor, Thana is representing the crown.

The appellant's alleged that the deaths were due to pure accident and that the trial was bad for mis-joinder of parties.

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World Of Sport: Home And Abroad

Composition Of Indian Davis Cup Team

(BY LOOKER ON).

Since I wrote at the beginning of this week Mr. L. Brooke-Edwards, Honorary Secretary of the A.I.L.T.A. has announced the personnel of the Indian Davis Cup team. There will be only three players to represent India, namely, Ghaus Mahomed, Y. R. Savur and Iftikhar Ahmed. Evidently they are the best choice in the opinion of the selectors. I cannot, however, agree with them and I am sure there are many judges in this country who would disapprove of the selection of the third player, Iftikhar at the expense of M. V. Bobbjee of Madras and Jimmy Mehta, now of Bombay. I take it that S. L. R. Sowhney is unable to make the trip for reasons of his own. Otherwise I cannot think of any explanation for the absence of his name from the above list.

UNACCOUNTABLE OMISSIONS.

At one time it was even rumoured that Savur would be dropped, owing to his erratic displays in the various tournaments. I believe the tributes paid to him by the American tourists changed the views of the selectors in his favour. I have no doubt that with proper training he would make—at any rate he has the qualities for it—one of the best players in the world. I know that many critics will laugh at this suggestion. But I would ask them to be a little patient with him. I cannot, however, account for the absence of Bobbjee and Mehta from the team. Unless they were particularly anxious to have a left hander, there was no justification for his passing over the claims of the two players named above. I am frankly of the opinion that Iftikhar has been boosted more than his abilities deserved at present. If Bobbjee is going to England on his own, Jimmy should have been selected. Because he was in the team last year, it does not mean that he should not be chosen again. On the other hand his claims were greater for that very reason.

CHANCES WEAKENED.

As I had suggested on a previous occasion, younger men like Iftikhar Ahmed and Dilip Bose should be sent to Europe next year, after they had gained more experience at home. Now in the absence of Sawhney, India's singles team has been considerably weakened. All our hope lies with Savur, granting of course that Ghaus will play his part well. If the Madras player succeeds in producing the best in him, we may confidently hope for an easy victory over Belgium. There are some people who do not attach much importance to our participation in the Davis Cup. They feel that India is yet too weak to create any impression on the big Tennis Nations of the world. Therefore they would pay greater attention only to the training of the promising players in Europe. While I agree that the training is the more important part of the play, I cannot overlook the fact that 'the Davis Cup results show us the marks of our progress. It must also be remembered that one Season's play in Europe cannot perfect a player. Like the European, American and other players of the world they must be helped to play there as often as possible. And then only they would be able to rise to the highest ring of the ladder.

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

While the air is thick with the preparations of a world war in the near future, it has been decided to hold a World Hockey Championship Tournament at Amsterdam next year—about the same time as the World Olympic Games will be staged at Helsinki in Finland. From what is happening in Europe every day, it looks so doubtful if Germany will allow the Games to be held next year. Instead of a friendly contest on the playing field, a world conflagration may ensue. It is really very painful to think that the nations who are thinking in terms of rivalry in sport, are at the same time preparing for a slaughter of one another. It is so unsporting, so brutal! It is clear that sport has so far failed to cement the bond of friendship which will make such bloody wars impossible in future. Of course it is not the fault of sport. The present construction of Society is responsible for it. Now the question is, will the Tournament be played at all?

Aga Khan Hockey

Kirkee United And City Police Win

AMMUNITION FACTORY, KIRKEE, LOSE AFTER A PRETTY EXHIBITION OF HOCKEY

Kirkee United and the City Police passed into the next round of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament by winning their respective games yesterday evening.

The result of the Lusitanian—Kirkee United match was a foregone conclusion, as on the form displayed by the Lusitanians in their previous essays, nobody with even an elementary knowledge of Hockey would give them the ghost of a chance against so superior a combination as Kirkee United. The Lusitanians have indeed fallen on evil days, and are unfortunately, at any rate this year, not the force they once were. Nor is this surprising, for other local Clubs have been consistently drawing upon them for the cream of the talent they possess, and their only hope of resuscitation now lies in training the young material that is still with them.

The second game of the evening, the City Police vs Ammunition Factory Kirkee, though not providing sustained good class hockey, was fairly interesting, and at times the Factory men exhibited the short-passing game to a nicety. The margin of three goals in the Police favour hardly reflects the real merits of the two teams, and a second draw should have been the appropriate result on the run of play.

LUSITANIANS V. KIRKEE UNITED.

Kirkee United assumed immediate command over the game, but were prevented from scoring for a full 20 minutes. The pace, however, soon told on the Lusitanians, and the next ten minutes saw Kirkee United pile up four goals in quick succession with consumate ease, G. Nimal being responsible for one and Tyrell three.

For a brief spell of 10 minutes after resumption, the Lusitanians played like "Lusitanians," and in a period which was characterised by sustained and frantic endeavour, managed to notch two quick goals. (4—2.) But after this, Kirkee regained mastery over the remaining period, and completed their tally to 5 goals, Leo Pinto, the Lusitanian custodian, saving his side a wider margin (5—2).

RESULT.

KIRKEE UNITED	5 Goals.
LUSITANIANS "A"	2 Goals.

TEAMS.

LUSITANIANS: L. Pinto; D. Fernandes and A. Heredia; Vas, W. Fernandes and Borges; M. Fernandes, F. Fernandes, Rodrigues, Almeida and N. Fernandes.

KIRKEE UNITED: Pepper; Edmund and J. Phillips; Martis, B. Nimal and Gaikwad; Amor, G. Nimal, Tyrell, K. Nimal and J. M. Phillips.

UMPIRES: Messrs. J. Pinto and H. S. Lynn.

City Police v. Ammunition Factory, Kirkee

After the Factory had dominated the proceedings for about 10 minutes, the police succeeded in transferring play, but Ramdas in the Kirkee goal brought off a good save. Five minutes before the interval, however, Lazarus gave the Police the lead, directing a pass from Roane in the ring to find the boards. (1—0.)

FACTORY EQUALISE.

Three minutes after resumption, Ughade was put in possession near the Police circle, and dribbling past Baboo, tapped the ball to Khedare who reversed it past Scott in the goal (1—1).

POLICE GET AHEAD.

Shortly after this, play centred round the Ammunition goal, and when a police defender was about to tap the ball in, Ramdas picked up the ball and threw it away. The resultant penalty bully saw Ramdas again falling over the ball when Jameson was about to strike it in, and a penalty goal was rightly awarded. (2—1). During the next ten minutes, the Factory men lost grip of the game, and Lazarus added two more to the Police total (4—1).

RESULT.

CITY POLICE	4 Goals.
AMMUNITION FACTORY	1 Goal.

TEAMS.

CITY POLICE: Scott; Baboo and Hamid I; Adams, Hamid II, and Stanley; Aziz, Roane, Lazarus, Jameson, and Abbas.

AMMUNITION FACTORY: Ramdas; Darekar and McIntyre; Jadhav, Malkhane, and B. Ugadhe; L. Khedare, D. Ughade, S. Adalge, Y. Mahomed and Razak.

UMPIRES: Messrs. A. J. Francis and E. J. N. Baria.

To-day's Games

4-15 St. Xavier's "A" v. Deccan S. C.

5-30 Bombay Customs v. G. I. P. Rly.

Govt. Of India Press Beaten

NEW DELHI, March 31.

The G. Battery R. H. A. (Meerut) defeated the Government of India Press by one goal to nil in the final of the Vizianagaram Football Tournament.

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KRISHNA

TALKIES ::: DUBASH THEATRE

STAR FLASHES

by BRUNO

BRUCE CABOT STAYS IN BED ALL DAY ON FRIDAY THE 13TH.
JINX
BRUNO
DON AMECHE
SO DISLIKES USING THE TELEPHONE HE WILL DRIVE MILES TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE PERSONALLY..... YET HE IS PLAYING THE TITLE ROLE IN "ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL"!
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IN PREPARATION FOR A TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS, IS TAKING SKIING LESSONS... IN HER DRESSING ROOM!
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City & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Sud 12, 1995
Muslim: Shafar 10, 1308
Parsi: Meher 28, 1308
Hightide: 9-38; 22-09
Lowtide: 3-40; 15-42
Sunrise: 6h. 34m.
Sunset: 6h. 53m.
S. S. 'Viceroy of India' sails with mails at 1 p.m.

Monday, April 3.

Municipal Corporation, election of Mayor, 3-40 p.m.

Domestic Occurrence

MARRIAGE

MUDABIDRI-BASRUR—Sanjiva Narayan Mudabidri to Miss Krishna Bai, sister of Basrur Mahabala Rao, at the Registrar's Office, Bombay, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, the 30th inst.

SCHOOL OF INDIAN MUSIC.

The weekly concert of the school will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p. m.; at the school hall, Benam Hall Lane, Bombay 4.

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

The Nagpada Neighbourhood House will hold a Boxing Tournament to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. Admission will be by tickets.

MR. L. M. PATIL FOR SURAT

The Hon'ble Mr. L. M. Patil Minister for Local Self-Government, will be in Surat on 6th, 7th and 8th April chiefly in connection with the Village Improvement Week.

CITY BALKANJI-BARI

The Hon. General Secretary, writes: Members are requested to be present at Bhagini Samaj, near Byculla Post Office, to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. for Special Work amongst the children of the working classess.

OPENING CEREMONY OF NEW RESTAURANT.

The opening ceremony of "Cona'", Messrs Tambe & Co.'s new restaurant at Sanzgiri Sadan will take place to-day (Saturday) at 5 p. m. Mr. N. V. Modak, City Engineer, will perform the ceremony.

KILLICK'S PARTNER ENTERTAINED

Mr. D. R. C. Hartley, Partner of Messrs. Killick, Nixon and Co., proceeds to Europe on leave to-day (Saturday). He was entertained at a luncheon by Mr. S. S. Rajan, Advertising Consultant of Bombay, on Thursday.

EXHIBITION OF EDUCATIONAL FILMS.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Secondary Teachers' Association and by courtesy of the Evergreen pictures and West End Cinema Management, some educational and other films will be exhibited to members to-morrow (Sunday) at 9-30 a. m. in the West End Cinema, Lamington Road.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

"The Secretary Bombay National Guards writes":—The Fourth Annual General Body Meeting of the Bombay National Guards will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 7-0 a.m. (S.T.), at the Congress House when the usual Annual General Body Agenda will be gone through. All members and recruits are requested to be present.

PROTEST AGAINST REDUCTION OF SUGAR PROTECTIVE DUTY

The Committee of the Maharastra Chamber of Commerce Bombay have sent the following telegram to the Commerce department of the Government of India.

"Committee of the Maharastra Chamber of Commerce, Bombay protest against non-publication of Tariff Board's Sugar Report and the reduction of the present protective duty by eight annas per cwt. for two years ending March 1941 only instead (of the) whole (of the) remaining period, (thus) leaving room for uncertainty. Urge reconsideration".

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EROS—"The Gladiator" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"It's in the Air" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Nav-Jeevan" Daily at 3-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m
CAPITOL—"Mr. Moto's Last Warning" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"It's True" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
PATHE—"You Can't Take it with you" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Sunday morning show, at 10 a.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Wallaby Jim of The Islands" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Devata" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
METRO—"The Shopworn Angel" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Adventures of Robinhood" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Dushman" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Rifle Girl" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Mother India" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gopal Krishna" Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10-15 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Brahmachari" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Jungle King" Daily at 5, 7-30 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-15 p.m.
SUPER—"Hero No. 1" Daily at 4-45, 7-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.

MR. MUNSHI FOR AHMEDABAD

The Hon'ble Mr. K. M. Munshi, Minister for Home and Legal Affairs, will leave for Ahmedabad on April 5, where he will halt for a day to stdy the preventive measures adopted in regard to Prohibition. The next day he will proceed to Patan where he will stay for two days and return to Bombay 'via' Ahmedabad on April 11.

"TIMES OF INDIA" PRESS WORKERS' MEETING

Under the auspices of the "Times of India "Press Employees' Association a general meeting of its members will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. (S.T.) in Forbes Gujrathi Hall, Vithalbhai Patel Road, near Congress House, Girgaum, Bombay, 4, Sjt. M. R. Masani will preside.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "Mahatma Gandhi's enslavement of the Congress is harmful to Indian Progressive Movement", will be the subject of the debate in Muslim Students' Union, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Mr. A. S. Gaznavi and Mr. Acharya will propose and Mr. M. D. Joseph and Mr. Menon will oppose the proposition. Mr. L. C. Wadhwani will preside.

HYDERABAD SUBJECTS MEETING IN BOMBAY

Under the auspices of the Hyderabad Subjects Association a mass meeting will be held at Mohammadali Road, (behind Mandvi Post Office) to-day (Saturday), at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) to protest against the activities of the Aryas against the Nizam's State.

Sir Ali Mohammad Khan Delhvi, will preside.

BOMBAY HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION

In connection with the Prohibition Propaganda Week, the Hindustan Scout Local Associations in Bombay City and Suburbs will hold a combined Camp-Fire to-morrow (Sunday), at 6-30 p.m. on the Jamboree Maidan of the Worli Development Department Chawls, when the Hon'ble Dr. M.D.D. Gilder will preside.

KHADI BHANDAR DADAR

The sales of khaddar for the National week begin from 1-4-39 to 15-4-39. Many new varieties of coating shirting are in stock. Also fine dhoties and saries have been specially stocked for the week sales.

A public meeting will be held in front of the Khadi Bhandar De'Silva Road Dadar to-day (Saturday), at 8-30 p.m. Honourable Mr. Patil Minister for Local Self-Government is going to address the meeting.

MANDVI DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The Hon. Secretary writes: In accordance with the instructions of the B.P.C.C., Mandvi District Congress Committee has decided at its meeting of the 25th March 1939 to hold the council election for this year on the 23rd April 1939, According to the new constitution, members desiring to contest the election are requested to get their Nomination Papers from the office of "B" Ward District Congress Committee, from the 1st April 1939 during the office hours between 11-0 a.m. to 6-30 p.m. Last day for filing the nomination papers is Monday the 10th April 1939 upto 7-30 p.m., after which time and no nomination paper will be accepted. The time and place for the Election will be published later.

BHAGINI SAMAJ SEVA MANDIR

The Bhagini Samaj Seva Mandir has decided to co-operate with the Prohibition Propaganda Board. A meeting of the residents of the B. I. T. Chawls will be held at Bellasis Road to-day (Saturday) at 8-0 p. m. when Dr. Bhaskar Patel, a member of the Prohibition Propaganda Board will address the gatherini.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURMAN MAN.)

On Thursday, the Bandra Municipal area would have registered another drainage tragedy, but Providence averted the accident.

At about 12-30 p.m. while eight of the ten labourers working in a seven feet trench on 3rd Road, Khar, had ascended the trench for their afternoon meal, a man and a woman of the party were caught under the debris which fell from the side of the trench.

Malappa Narsana, the man, escaped with injuries on his feet while Anmanti Narsana, his daughter-in-law received injuries on her head and back.

The injured persons were first taken to a private hospital and later brought to the Bandra Hospital from where they were sent away after being attended to.

It will be recalled that a shocking tragedy was registered in February 5, 1938, when five men were burried alive in a trench which collapsed at Carter Road, Bandra.

Looking the way the work is being carried out, it is feared in Suburban circles that the Bandra Drainage Scheme which has so far taken a toll of six lives and a number of accidents is a source of great anxiety.

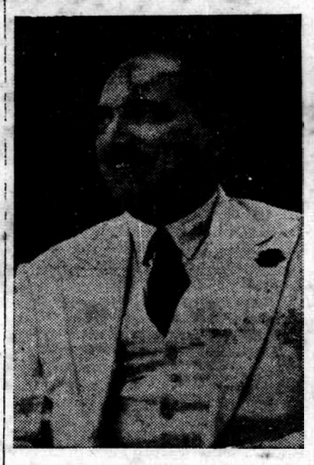
The authorities concerned or the Police must at least now move into the matter and avert future accident.

CONGRESS MEETING.

A meeting of the Bandra Congress Committee was held on Thursday last, with Mr. K. B. Karnik in the chair.

The meeting discussed many important items. It was decided to enroll 1,000 members this year.

In the course of the meeting the Committee resolved that free Hindi Classes be started and fixed the celebration of the National Week from April 7, by holding meetings all over Bandra.



Mr. Sultan Chinoy whose successful term of office as Mayor of Bombay ended on Friday.

5th Quadrangular Water-Polo Tournament

The abovementioned tournament, the Bombay Popular Swimming Entertainment will take place at Golwalla Brothers, Victoria Swimming Bath, Back Bay, Fort, on Thursday 13th April 1939 at 6-30 p.m. when (1) Parsis will meet Zionists and (2) Hindus will meet Europeans. The final will be played on Friday 14th April 1939 at 6-30 p.m. between the winners of the first and the second.

Postage Of Registered Newspapers

A Telegraph notification states:—"From April 1 separate postage rate introduced for packet containing more than one copy of registered newspaper of the same date at half anna for the first ten tolas or less, and quarter anna for every additional five tolas or fraction or total amount payable on all copies, if each is sent separateiy whichever is less."

Aryan Education Society's Old Boys' Union

The Hon. Secretary writes:—The Silver Jubilee of the Union will be celebrated to-day (Saturday) when Rt. Hon'ble Dr. N. R. Jayakar will preside. The programme will consist of a Meeting, a Dinner and a concert by Bai Laxmibai of Baroda.

Members are requested to take their passes from the school.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CONGRESS PARTY

An urgent meeting of the Bombay Municipal Congress Party will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5 p. m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Electrical Contractors' Association was held on the 18th March, when the Fourteenth Annual Report and the Audited Statements of Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st December 1938 were adopted and a new Managing Committee was formed for the current year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Mr. and the Hon'ble Mrs. Baird and Captain stocks arrived at Government House on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smyth and Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Waterman lunched at Government House on Friday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended the Mayor of Bombay's Garden Party at the Victoria Gardens on Friday.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended a dance given by Rear Admiral and Mrs. M. Fitzherbert at Admiral's House on Friday.

KOLABA BOARD ELECTION PROPAGANDA

Dr. Antrolikar At Mahad

(From Our Correspondent)
ALIBAG, March 31.

Congress workers in the District including Messrs. S. V. Tilak, Shastriji, Mahale, Limaye, Tuljaram Mehta besides the 22 Congress candidates are moving from Taluka to Taluka to carry on propaganda and spread the Congress message in every nook and corner of the District.

Last week Dr. Antrolikar, Secretary of the Congress Legislative Assembly Party went to Mahad and addressed three meetings, one at Mahad and two in neighbouring villages. He was accompanied by Mr. M. V. Godbole of Bombay, who also spoke at the meetings.

Hindustan Scouts Help Prohibition Board

The Secretary of the Bombay Prohibition Propaganda Board writes:—

The Hindustan Scouts Association has decided to co-operate with the Prohibition Propaganda Board appointed by the Government of Bombay. In this connection they will hold a combined camp fire of the four local branches of the Hindustan Scout Association to-morrow (Sunday) at 6-30 p. m. on the Worli Development Chawls Maidan. All the scouts are expected to be present in their uniforms.

PROHIBITION MEETING IN "G" WARD

Under the auspices of the "G" Ward District Congress Committee a public meeting will be held at De Lisle Road in the open Maidan near Bawla Musjid to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p. m. when Sjt. Silam, Sjt. Nagindas Master, Sjt. Dange, Sjt. Nimbkar, Sjt. D. N. Wandrekar and others will speak on prohibition. Sjt. I. S. Patel will preside. Loud speakers will be installed.

PROHIBITION PROPAGANDA

Under the auspices of the Mogaveera Yuvaka Sangha a procession in support of the Bombay Government Prohibition policy will start to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p. m. (S. T.) from 54 Cawasji Patel Street, Fort, and passing through various streets will terminate at Bazar Gate Clock Tower where a public meeting will be held at 6-30 p. m. (S. T.) under the Presidentship of Sjt. Nagindas T. Master, Messrs. S. K. Patil R. A. Khedgikar, S. K. Silam, and others will speak.

HARIJANS AND PROHIBITION

Under the auspices of the Hindu Sewak Samaj Prohibition propaganda meetings were held in the Harijan localities of the City, one at Walpakhdi on Tuesday and another at Sukhlaji Street on Wednesday when speeches were delivered by Miss Vidyut Khandwalla and others asking the Harijans to cooperate with the Government in their efforts to enforce prohibition in the City from August 1st.

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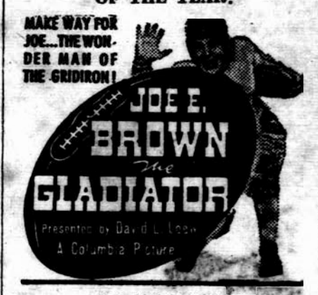

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HELOTS OF THE WORLD

Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Chairman of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association, Bombay, has submitted to the Government of India a spirited protest against the British Government's Kenya (Highlands) Order-in-Council, 1939, legally perpetuating the existing practice of reserving the highlands in the colony for Europeans. The wanton humiliation that this order inflicts on the resident Indians is beyond all limits of tolerance, considering how much Indians did in the past for the development of the territory in which they are now being degraded and robbed of their rights. For years the Indians in Kenya relied on the solemn Royal charter, granted by Queen Victoria to the Imperial British East Africa Company from whom the Crown took over the Colony, which expressly stipulated that there should be no differential treatment of subjects of any power as to trade and settlement. The solemn promise was respected so long as it was convenient. But in 1908 the practice of reserving Highlands for Europeans was begun by Lord Elgin and Indians were duped into the hope that the practice was more or less a temporary administrative convenience but would never be a permanent legal discrimination against them.

Humiliating And Harmful

That hope, however, was doomed to be frustrated. All vested interests combined a few years ago to impart to the practice of reservation the fixity of law, and the Secretary of State for Colonies announced in 1936 an Order-in-Council embodying this wish of the Europeans. The Indians in Kenya were alarmed. They maintained that the draft Order-in-Council "put the seal of law on a position which was both humiliating and harmful," and they appealed to the Government of India to prevent the promulgation of the draft Order-in-Council. The Government of India were too impotent to do anything of the kind. They joined in the false cry that the Order-in-Council merely confirmed the past administrative practice. It was a false cry because the Order-in-Council gave the practice a fixity which it might otherwise have lacked. Secondly, it transferred to an almost exclusively European Board the right of regulating reservation which had previously been enforced by the Governor; and thus whatever chance the Indians had of fair-play before was now lost. Finally, the new Order-in-Council gave the Board power even over the "administration management, development or control of the land in the Highlands." Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas has, therefore, good reason to observe: "Indians are now debarred not only from ownership of agricultural lands, but even from industrial development in the Highlands. One can imagine what would be the fate of Indian interests when they are dealt with by the proposed Highlands Board composed of the very people who have been clamouring for, and have succeeded in getting, exclusive possession, privileged position, and control of 16,000 square miles of the best land in Kenya for Europeans only."

Freedom First

The position of Indians described above is not peculiar to Kenya. As Sir Purshotamdas himself points out, in Fiji, Ceylon Malaya, Burma, British Guiana, South Africa, East Africa, within and without British Commonwealth—everywhere it is the same deplorable tale, says Sir Purshotamdas:

> Indians abroad are being hunted from pillar to post; their personal honour assailed; their national pride humiliated; their manhood degraded; their time-honoured and honest means of livelihood robbed. And all this happens when the Government of India claim to have safeguarded the legitimate rights of Indians abroad. Can the Government of India point to one specific instance in which their influence or intervention saved Indians when their rights were taken away

Speaking on his resolution on the Kenya Order-in-Council in the Council of State the other day, Dr. Hridayanath Kunzru stated a plain though bitter truth when he said that Indians were treated not only as the helots of the Empire but of the world. That is doubtless the penalty that Indians have to pay for their subjection to Britain. And unless they liberate themselves they cannot liberate their countrymen abroad.

Calling The Bluff

M. Daladier's firm stand has had an immediate reaction which will justifiably gratify those who have always held that what totalitarian dictators need is that their bluff should be boldly called. The Fascists who had been threatening and blustering now say through their spokesman Signor Gayda "Italy is not impatient. She can wait"! The tail is abruptly down. And not only in respect of the Italian "demands" on France. The brave and loyal Fascists are now hinting that the Axis, which only last Sunday could not be unhinged or even bent, may have an intolerable strain put upon it by—German pressure on Poland! Poland, it appears, may yet prove, unwittingly, the grave of International Fascism and aggression.

The situation is thus developing favourably even though towards an inevitable crisis. And it is entirely due to the fact that the democracies are displaying signs of standing up to aggression. If Britain and France do mean business, as they profess to do, a united front, including even Poland and Rumania, can yet be formed which will succeed not only in dealing with further aggression but also in liquidating, ultimately, the past crimes of the totalitarians. But the big "If" is about Britain and France, particularly of course, the former, genuinely and unreservedly meaning business. In this connection it is not with unjust cynicism that the Americans are mildly referring to the dangers of "Another Munich". The reminder is apt and timely. There are many points of resemblance between the present situation and that obtaining immediately before Munich. The British and French Premiers and Foreign Ministers had serious and prolonged consultations, had uttered strong words of protest and had issued solemn warnings and declarations. Even a threat of dire consequences to those who would dare to attack Britain was made by a responsible Minister Lord Winterton exactly as has been done now by Mr. Oliver Stanley. All ended in—Munich. There is, however, one vital and decisive difference. Herr Hitler having rudely, almost brutally, betrayed and shocked Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Premier is indignantly disillusioned. Let us hope this difference endures and he will carry out his assurance that Britain will be bound to give all the support it can to the Polish Government if Poland becomes the victim of Nazi aggresion.

Inevitable Reaction

The Central Legislative Assembly has passed without a division the Bill for the Registration of Foreigners, with the Congress amendment including subjects of Dominions among foreigners. The amendment was evidently the inevitable reaction to the fast worsening position of Indians in the Dominions, where they are treated as foreigners, worse than white foreigners. It was perhaps not necessary for the main purpose of the Bill. Some timid folk expressed the fear that the amendment might induce Dominion Governments to treat Indians more harshly. But Indians have had enough of the policy of conciliation and appeasement in dealing with the whites in the Dominions. It has only made the Indians' position steadily worse all these years. In the circumstances the amendment will at least show to all concerned that, in the words of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, India has at last outgrown the psychology of fear and mendicancy.

I Cover Another Town

Calcutta 5

By D. F. Karaka

Let's have a look at the places of amusement. For so many years I had been told that the food at Firpo's was worth writing home about. I have lunched at Firpo's thrice and the food was, shall I say, satisfactory. Nothing to complain about. And I have dined there on a Saturday, which was worth grumbling about. Possibly it was because Firpo's is so packed out on Saturday nights that it is not possible to pay individual attention to all, but an eating house which cannot cater for the individual can never attain any great height of fame.

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Compared to the Berkeley Grill or the Snack Bar of the old Monseigneur one missed at Firpo's that particular attention which the maitre d'hotel should pay to the customer. It is not enough to stand at a landing and smile and lead the diner to his table. Something more than that is expected from a place which has the reputation of being the premier *'gourmet'* spot of India. And I also expect a continental maitre d'hotel to know what a Coquille St. Jacques means instead of looking at me as if I was the barbarian from the darkest interior.

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They tell me that the best hotel here is the Great Eastern, which is true. I remember it in the old days—nineteen years ago—when only commercial travellers used to dine at that hotel. Now it claims to have all the hoity-toity —managing directors, superior army officers and their wives, knights and baronest "en route," and almost every type of important person, except a Congress Minister. I like the Great Eastern because it is friendly. The new wing, which, like the Royal Yakuti, is for Maharajahs and rich men only, is worth an occasional visit, when circumstances permit. The food is definitely good and you have the satisfaction of knowing that it has its first Indian director in the person of a genial Parsee gentleman whose speckled face beams with good cheer because it seems to have been washed with the milk of human kindness.

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But the place after my heart is the Three Hundred. This is and must be the "bete noire" of Congress policy. For the Three Hundred is a club where you can get a drink twenty-four hours of the day. I suppose when and if prohibition does come to Calcutta, which is most improbable, they will erect a small monument on the spot of the old Three Hundred on which will be suitably inscribed the words: "Here lies a most beautiful drop". The Three Hundred has an atmosphere all its own. The one thing good about it is that it does not remind you of the inside of an English home. Instead, its walls, its "foiniture", its decor and even its clientele could well be transplanted to the "due blanche" without anyone being any the wiser. That is the Three Hundred when it functions indoors. Outside, when they dance in the garden, it is much the same as the G.I.P. Institute at Asansol.

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What I like about the Three Hundred is this atmosphere about the place. In a side room you can hear the clang of front machines from which some enthusiastic young man is trying to pull out the Jack Pot. You can hear, too, the slow whisper of sweet discourse, that fades in the distance like the song of the Volga boatmen from midnight to dawn. You can see the gleam in someone's eyes in that split second when her partner is not looking at her. You can see too an occasional tuxedo which is a tuxedo and not just a dinner jacket. And sometimes you see Kira, the wife of the man who runs the place, stepping into the ballroom like in the days of the old regime. That's what I like about the Three Hundred. It's Borzoi and not just bourgeoise. If only there was more smoke.

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Yes, Calcutta is in many ways adorable. Sometimes while

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CONGRESS AND 'WING' POLITICS

Unanimity In Final Political Ideal

By: "Vigilante"

Since the Bombay Clerical organ, the "Examiner", compared the regime of the Congress Ministry with that of the Nazi Germany with reference to the prohibition policy various clerical writers have been making themselves ridiculous by striking similar comparisons evidently without appreciating the exact significance and actual character both of the Fascist regimes and the leaders who are at the head of these dictatorships.

The Pundit's Protest

An attempt is also made to draw parallels between the Right and Left parties in the European countries living under the Fascist menace and the so-called Right and Left wings in the Indian National Congress; and a recent article published by Mr A. C. Fernandes in these columns could be cited as fairly typical of a tendency that ought to be exposed as lacking in any reality so far as the affairs of the Indian National Congress are concerned.

Mr. Fernandes' reference to the defeat of the so-called Left wing of the Congress at Tripuri is illusory because the statement made in the clearest terms by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru proves, insofar, indeed, as he himself is described as a leader of the so-called Left wing in the Congress that whatever purpose such labels may serve for the moment, they do not affect the single, well-defined ideology of the Congress movement and leadership—Indian independence.

Democratic Evolution

Even supposing that the two wings did exist in the ranks of the Congress and that they were engaged in a struggle *within* the Congress organisation to dominate the Congress policy and action, there is no implication of dictatorship in any sense of that much-misused term for the simple reason that the framework within which the two wings (not to mention the strategic Centre) are active, is essentially democratic. The wings therefore, far from constituting an element of disruption, as the enemies of the Congress both imagine and hope, exert a highly desirable and certainly necessary influence and stimuli on policy and action. Every democratic institution would slide into stagnation if this force were eliminated out of its normal functioning and, as every school boy knows, the evolution of democratic principles itself rendered inconceivable if a static condition of outlook and action were imposed on it.

Absurd Comparison

The comparison between Mahatma Gandhi and Hitler-Mussolini-Salazar is not only unthinkable but definitely derogatory to the former. Those who presume to draw it lose sight of the fact that these rather fashionable European dictators have nothing in common with a personality of Mahatma Gandhi's position that could justify the linking of names that evoke such contradictory emotional reactions. Apart from the fact that Mahatma Gandhi has emphatically repudiated the suggestion that he occupied any position other than that of a man who lived and worked for the struggle of the Indian people to achieve political freedom, the role of national hero and saviour which unquestionably he fills is fundamentally different from that claimed by the dictators who rule with terror and fear. The character of the rule they dictate and the specific conditions under which that rule is imposed and suffered clearly demonstrate the chasm that divides the two diametrically opposed types of men.

What Is Dictatorship?

The analogy also between the Right and Left parties of the European politics and the Congress parties bearing these ill-adapted labels is false because the common background of socio-political conditions which create the class conflict aligned on the basis of ideology is not in existence here. Even the state of dictatorship itself is conditioned and, to a great extent affected, by certain factors which justify it as a transitional stage in the socio-political evolution.

Both theoretically and in practice, the 'dictatorship of the protectariat', envisaged and postulated by Marx, Engels and Lenin, for instance, is in its character and effect, diametrically opposed to the dictatorship of the fascist type. Why is not Mahatma Gandhi compared again with a man like President Cardenas of Mexico who, on his part, stands by himself and at the other extremity from the dictators whose names evoke the indescribable horror of mass-violence, massacre of war and wholesale destruction of unarmed and defenceless populations in Europe and Asia to-day.

Fascists At Tripuri

Mr. Fernandes does not tell us who were the Congressmen who paid such 'handsome tribute' to Hitler and Mussolini at Tripuri and it would be easier to deal with his statement if the 'responsible Congressmen' were quoted. As Mr. Fernandes must be well aware of the fact, we have our embryonic fascists and clerico-fascists not to mention the plague of the foreign propaganda agents who, following the methods of totalitarian propaganda, are engaged in their nefarious activities on an increasingly greater scale as there is enough evidence to show. But the allegation that at Tripuri 'responsible' Congressmen sang praises of the European dictators appears quite intriguing and is made, so far as the present writer is aware, for the first time.

Propaganda Menace

We have of course our share of the reactionary elements which frequently carry on fascist or clerico-fascist propaganda; but the Congress organisation is not known to have harboured them and the discussion on the menace of fascist propaganda would be considerably helped if Mr. Fernandes substantiated his statement with evidence. According to the latest reports published in the continental Press too the fascist propaganda agents appear to have been instructed to penetrate and establish contact with Indian organisations with a view to stabilise the influence of fascist ideas and interests. If it is a fact, it is time we cleaned up these little nests of our interesting friends the fascists.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

SYMPATHY FOR CZECHS

The Nazis are quite naturally angered by the vote of sympathy for the Czechs which the French Chamber has unanimously passed. In a sense this note is adding insult to the injury of the gross and base betrayal by France which is fundamentally responsible for the present supreme tragedy of the Czechs. But it is welcome if it constitutes an indication by France that she does not recognise the fate of Czechoslovakia as a closed chapter. France and Britain can make Germany disgorge this gallant little country in due course of time. And they need not resort to force either. All that is necessary is that while refusing to recognise the German conquest, they should give practical expression to that refusal as America has done. But they have yet to follow the lead given by the U. S. A. long ago. Incidentally it is noteworthy that the British Parliament has not thought fit to sympathise with the Czechs even verbally.

JAPAN'S NEW MOVE.

The Japanese Premier's assurances regarding the nature of the Japanese regime and Japan's desire not to antagonise any camp was evidently a gesture to prepare the ground, as it were. This gesture has been quickly followed up. M. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, it is reported, has invited the British, French and American ambassadors for "conversations on diplomatic affairs." The objective of the Japanese is, of course, to induce the three Powers to continue to play a treacherous role in respect of the Sino-Japanese war. We only hope they will refuse to do so any more. Their attitude so far towards a friendly China, to which they avowedly owed obligations, has been immoral and indefensible. What is now required is really a pro-Chinese orientation which need not involve any thing more than the help to which China is legitimately entitled.

ARMS LICENCES

Though the Government of Bombay represented to the Government of India the desirability of permitting members of the Bombay Legislature to bear arms, the Government of India have declined to accept the proposal on the plea that to create a privileged class, as suggested, "is contrary to the underlying principle of democracy that all men are equal under the law." The Government of India's solicitude for the democratic principle of equality did not prevent them from exempting the members of the Central Legislature from the restrictions of the Arms Act or from having one rule for Europeans and another for Indians. However, the issue of arms licences is within the discretion of provincial Governments and it behoves them to use their discretion more rationally than was possible in the past.

GOVT. NOMINEES HAVE IT

The Council of State has once again stultified itself by approving of the Indo-British Trade Agreement which had been rejected by the Assembly. As usual this was due to the larger proportion of official and other nominated members in the House and the strong pressure exerted by Government. Mr. Dow sought to incite communal prejudices by emphasizing the point that the Agreement benefited 70,000,000 Muslims dependent on land. If it did, it would be some gain. But it did not really benefit either Muslim or other peasants. That was why even a staunch Muslim leader like Mr. Jinnah accused Government of having treated the Muslim growers of cotton with "criminal negligence." However, the situation now seems to have gone beyond the sphere of argument. Government seem bent upon enforcing the Agreement, as suggested by Lancashire interests. But Lancashire will not relish the ultimate consequences of its selfish policy.

EVILS OF DRINK

Not infrequently we find significant sidelights on vital human and social problems in the otherwise drab proceedings of a law court. In one of the local police courts, for instance, it was revealed that "two men were removed to the J.J. Hospital with knife injuries. Both of them are said to have been under the influence of liquor. The men, it would appear, stabbed each other." Here is a proof, if proof were needed, of the terrible consequences of drink. A careful scrutiny of crime cases, reported in the daily Press would show that in many cases the drinking habit is at the bottom of an act of delinquency. Petty thefts, street brawls, stabbings, indecent assault on women, etc., can often be traced to inebriation. The rowdy scenes at closing time in the bars and toddy shops are by themselves a complete vindication of the Prohibition policy of the Congress Ministries, who are determined to lay low the Demon of Drink.

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"Secret chemical formula for a new glandular-vitamin, which the Government hope may make Britain's population panic-proof in time of war, is locked in a safe at the Mnistry of Health."—"Daily Sketch."

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"Even within the last few days," Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai I.C.S. told a Convocation audience at Delhi, "we have had rude reminders of the swift and ruthless swoop of arbitrary force, obeying no law but the promptings of its own wayward ambition."

Lest there be any misunderstanding, unfair to Sir Girja Shankar, let us make it quite clear that the reference to the last-few-days particular was not intended to emphasise the last-150 years in general.

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"What part", Sir Girja Shankar eloquently asked his young Indian audience, "can you play in leading the world to sanity and peace?"

Whether it was due to considerateness for the orator or to a sense of humour, the youngsters wisely forbore to answer then and there.

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The Congress Party leader's suggestion in the Council of State, that nominated members were "part of the Government for all practical purposes led, it is reported, to "a storm of protest from Sir David Devadoss, Sir A. P. Patro and Sir Md. Yakub."

What could be more effectively convincing than a joint demonstration by the trio followed by the usual trek of all nominated members to the Government lobby?

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Referring to Mr. Jinnah's statement on the Indo-British Agreement, Sir Md. Yakub declared that the views of the Muslim League Leader "were not shared by a large number of his followers."

What is the world coming to?

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The Muslim League delegates are reported to have met the Secretary General and other officials of the League of Nations and placed Indian Muslim views on Palestine before them.

Must they become international bores buttonholing even uninterested and unconcerned people?

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Amen

".....Mr. Chamberlain replied amidst laughter: 'Nothing is final in this world.'"

—Commons report.

Not even his Premiership and his epoch-making appeasitisers?

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Surprise was quite rightly caused in London on Thursday morning by the unexpected holding of a cabinet meeting and it was later learnt that reports from abroad had "appreciably hardened" Governmental opinion.

Good. But against what?

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(A) "Italy is not impatient. She can wait"—Signor Gayda.

(B) "If Germany shows resentment at Warsaw's refusal of its suggestions and marches, then many Italians declare that the Axis might not bear the strain" —Rome report.

If A and B are the consequences of M. Daladier's speech, what would happen should Mr. Chamberlain make a similar broadcast? The answer is too good for the second part of the question to materialise.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It is easier for a man to be the architect of his own fortune than to be the builder.

There is a big difference between a working man and a working politician.

Only insanity can deprive the memory of pleasures.

Lots of family trees bear mighty poor fruit.

"The fairest of fair" is not always the chairman of the awarding committee.

The chronic bore makes a big hole in a man's busy day.

Congress Victory In Assembly

Amendment To Foreigners' Bill Adopted

MAXWELL'S TACTICS FOR WINNING OVER OPPOSITION BY QUOTING MAHATMA FALL FLAT

NEW DELHI, March 31.

The Assembly this afternoon passed without a division Sir Reginald Maxwell's bill for the Registration of Foreigners as amended, by the Congress Party, Congress Nationalists and the Muslim League voting for the amendment.

The Assembly resumed the detailed discussion on the clauses of the Bill to register "Foreigners."

DEFINITION OF FOREIGNER."

Continuing his speech, Sir Reginald Maxwell pointed out that the general position taken during the debate on the amendment to enlarge the definition of the term "foreigner" revolved round the manner in which the term was to be defined for purposes of liability to register. One of his reasons for defending the definition in the Bill was that it was only in the case of aliens that the precaution of universal registration was necessary. Further, irrespective of opinions as regards the potentiality of any one nation as an enemy this country could not afford to discriminate between nations. Secondly, for the purposes of taking retaliatory action against discrimination, 'ad hoc' legislation could be resorted to. T... he felt, was the right metho... of dealing with any limited and definite requirement such as retaliation. Registration could never be retaliation and the present demand could at best be only a gesture.

REFERENCE TO GANDHIJI'S ARTICLE.

He was surprised at the attitude of the members of the Congress party as regards retaliation for he found it to be contrary to what Mahatma Gandhi advocated in the course of articles in the "Harijan" on Central European matters recently. The present attitude of the Congress Party, according to him, was not in consonance with Mahatma Gandhi's statement that submission in a proper frame of mind would melt the aggressor's heart.

He next commented on the inability of members to consider the subject on its merits, namely the defence aspect. He adverted, in conclusion, to his earlier statement that Government would accept the amendment in view of the power to exempt given under Clause Six and declared that in view of the intention of the Opposition to delete even this clause, Government had to option but oppose the amendment on its merits.

Mr. Aney said that he was glad that the Home Member had begun to study the writings of Mahatma Gandhi, but no one acquired the right to preach non-violence or even quote "Mahatma Gandhi's writings on this principle unless he himself had lived the life of non-violence.

PRACTICAL NON-VIOLENCE.

Sir Ziauddin asked if non-violence was intended merely as a theme for speeches in the Assembly or to be put into practice. If it was intended to be practised, why was it that in communal disturbances in Congress provinces, More Muslims than Hindus were injured? He objected to the new definition because it went against the principle that a definition should be affirmative and not negative.

Sardar Sant Singh disagreed with the view that India should take into account the chances of the people of South Africa being offended by the amendment.

The Amendment was passed by 63 votes to 42, the Muslim League Party and Congress Nationalists voting with the Congress for the motion.

AMENDMENT TO EXEMPTION CLAUSE.

Prof Ranga sought to amend the Exemption Clause so as to give power to Government to exempt individual foreigner but not any class or description of foreigners. The amendment evoked a lively debate during which there was a passage between Prof. Ranga and Sir Raza Ali on the meaning of the word "individual." Sir Raza Ali dramatically produced five annas from his pocket and exclaimed he was sorry he had only that much money; otherwise he would have gone to the nearest book shop, bought a dictionary and presented it to Prof. Ranga for him to find out the meaning of the word. (Laughter).

Mrs. Subbaroyan supported the amendment as it would prevent Government from using its power of exemption in favour of people such as those from South Africa where she had had one of the most humiliating experiences. When she was returning to India during the war, she travelled in a boat in which she, with her two children was the only Indian passengers and others were women of all other nationalities. After a nerve-racking passage, chased by submarines and passing through other difficulties, the boat touched Cape Town: there all other passengers were allowed to land but not she or her children because she was an Indian. (Shame Shame).

The amendment was rejected without a division.

The House passed Prof. Ranga's amendment to provide that a copy of every order passed under the Bill shall be placed on the table of both Houses of the Central Legislature.

The House then agreed to Sir Reginald Maxwell's motion that the Bill as amended be passed.

AMENDMENTS TO CHILDREN'S ACT.

Sir Muhammad Zafrullah next moved that the amendments to the Employment of Children Act made by the Council of State be passed. After a short discussion the House accepted the motion and resumed general discussion on the Coal Mines (Stowing) Bill.

Mr. Bhojendra Narayan Chaudhury, who continued his speech had not concluded when the House adjourned to Monday April 3.

TARIFF BILLS NEXT WEEK.

Before the House rose, Sir N. N. Sircar announced that after the Stowing Bill, consideration of the three Tariff Bills introduced today would be taken up next week. He added that if any essential items of official business remained undisposed by Thursday next, the House would have to sit for so many working days after 14th April as might be necessary to complete the items.—A.P.

CUTCH SATYAGRAHA SUSPENDED

In Pursuance Of Mahatma's Advice: Parishad Executive's Unanimous Decision

CUTCH-BHUJ, March 31.

Satyagraha which was to be launched in Cutch from to-morrow has been suspended for the time being in pursuance of Gandhiji's advice.

A resolution to this effect was adopted unanimously at a special meeting of the Executive of the Cutch Prajakiya Parishad last night.

It is believed that the meeting, which lasted six hours, reviewed the whole situation in a tense atmosphere.—A. P.

ITALY READY TO FIGHT

"Duce" Says Rome Is Entitled To Be In Front Rank In Family Of Nations

REGGIO, March 31.

"We are preparing and are ready to defend ourselves" declared Signor Mussolini in a broadcast speech.

The Duce's words were frequently interrupted by bursts of cheering.

A reference to "some people across the Alps" was greeted with boos and catcalls.

Strong nations are fertile and weak ones are sterile," declared Signor Mussolini. He added: "What has happened in the first period of Fascism is remarkable, but what will happen in the second period will be more so. Nations are a family, in this family we are entitled to be in the front rank.

After my speech on Sunday there is little to add. Some people across the Alps confuse realities and have forecast the separation of the people of Italy from the regime. You have proved that the exact opposite is the case. The people and the regime are united and strong."

The Duce's concluding words were almost drowned by a tremendous burst of cheering but he was heard to say that the Italian nation, like all young peoples, was ready to fight.—Reuter.

Jewish Constable Shot Dead

HAIFA, March 30

Two Arabs shot and killed a Jewish constable.—Reuter.

MAYOR'S PARTY TO GOVERNOR

About fifteen hundred guests responded to the invitation of the Mayor and Mrs. Sultan Chinoy to the Garden Party in honour of H. E. the Governor and Lady Lumley in the Victoria Gardens on Friday evening.

The gathering was one of the biggest of this season and the Victoria Gardens presented a lively and picturesque appearance. The Police Band was in attendance.

ENROLMENT TO CONGRESS

CALCUTTA, March 31.

The "United Press" understands that the Provincial Congress Committees have received a circular from the All-India Congress Committee, Allahabad, intimating that as the period available for the enrolment of members this year will be shorter than last year, the Working Committee may this year fix August 15 or at the latest August 31 as the last date for enrolment.

The Provincial Congress Committees, therefore, should immediately make arrangements for enrolment of members this year.

The circular also requests the Committees to devise stricter methods to check the evil of bogus enrolment in future —United Press

FOUR KILLED IN BENARES RIOT

BENARES, March 31.

Four persons were killed to-day as a result of stray assaults, three having been reported earlier. The fourth incident occurred at Assi.

Shops at the chowk and other important parts of the city were closed to-day. A few other incidents of a minor nature have been reported.

People are panicky.—A. P

GILDER SETS FIRE TO DRINK EFFIGY

Huge Gathering Of Citizens Responds On Last Day Of Prohibition Week

The prohibition would not be the infringements of personal or religious liberty, but a boon and a blessing to the entire country was the plea put forth by the Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder at the last prohibition meeting at Dadar.

A hectic week, when the whole city was thrown into a furore of enthusiasm for prohibition, culminated on Friday evening after the burning of a 12 foot effigy symbolising the demon of drink, at Palon Sojpal Building, Dadar.

The gathering, one of the biggest during this week's meetings, numbered many thousands and was composed of men, women and children, formed into a huge quadrangle with the giant effigy in the centre.

The Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder who presided gave a comprehensive survey of the implications of Prohibition and the different steps which led to the Government's decision to end the evil of drink in the presidency.

Countering the arguments of those who are agitating against prohibition policy, he said that protests were not unexpected. It was his fervent hope that those who now agitated against the measure would in course of time realise the wisdom of prohibition, and overlook their particular interests in the larger interests of the country.

NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM

Answering the arguments of those pessimists who claimed that prohibition would usher in an era of gangsterdom, and bootlegging, he said that it was short-sighted to expect American conditions to be repeated 'in toto', for by thought, habit, and religious sentiment, the bulk of the country was against drinking.

He also stated that the Government was not interfering with anyone's religious practices for which provision was made. He then recounted the benefits of prohibition as a result of experience in the selected areas of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataks.

Hitherto the policy of earlier governments was to "hasten slowly", which had not advanced the cause or prohibiton by an inch. But the Congress did not believe in half measures and where a nation's health, security and happiness was in the balance, their dictum was "no time like the present".

EFFIGY BURNT

After the meeting was over the Drink Effigy was soaked in kerosene and methylated spirit and set fire to by Dr. Gilder. Its huge bulk, flaming and smoking, was the cause of great merriment to the children who had turned up in large numbers and occupied places as near the effigy as possible.

Mr. S. K. Patil, said that the purpose of the meetings, was to educate public opinion about Prohibition, and so enlist their cooperation. This was with a view that the public would volunteer their help, in suppressing illicit practices, if the eventuality should arise.

FIRE IN MANDVI KOLIWADA

A minor fire broke out in a godown on the ground floor of a building at Koliwada, Mandvi, shortly after midnight on Friday.

The damage is estimated at about Rs. 300.

Heavy Casualties In Defence Of Nanchang

Japanese Also Suffer Huge Losses Near Kongmoon And Withdraw?

TOKIO, March 31.

DESPATCHES FROM THE SEAT OF FIGHTING ROUND NANCHANG ARE QUOTED BY THE DOMEI AGENCY WHICH CLAIM THAT 2,000 CHINESE DEFENDERS OF NANCHANG WERE KILLED AND 450 TAKEN PRISONERS WHILE ANOTHER 1,200 WERE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING IN SOUTH NANCHANG, WHERE 700 CHINESE WERE TAKEN PRISONERS.

JAPANESE LOSSES

MACAO.—Following the arrival in Kwangsi of troops under General Chang-Fah-Kei, the Japanese are reported to have suffered heavy losses in the neighbourhood of Kongmoon, 40 miles west of Canton and they are reported to have withdrawn.

SUBHAS BANS PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY

JHARIA, March 31.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose has issued a statement through the Associated Press countermanding the appeal issued by the Secretary of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee urging observance of April 4 as a day of prayers for the recovery of the Congress President.

Mr. Bose says: "I saw in yesterday's papers an appeal issued by the Secretary of the Bengal Provincial Congress to the effect that the 4th April should be observed as a day for offering prayers, etc., for my recovery.

"This was done without my knowledge or consent. I also heard that possibly other Provincial Congress Committees would be requested to join in this function. As I am the President of the Bengal P.C.C. and still the President of the All-India Congress Committee, in my judgment it looks odd that such a function should be organised under the auspices of the Congress.

"I therefore countermand the above circular and the appeal issued by the Secretary of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee. If any other organisation or any 'ad hoc' body desires to have an observance I have nothing to say about it, because that does not concern the Congress."—A.P.

Delegation's Hopes In Young Muslims Of India

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ties or Muslims or Christians. We are only 60 million people. But we stood as one man and fought our freedom's battle. That is how we could achieve our goal. India will be free on the day all her people unite and India's freedom will be the freedom of all Islamic and Arabic countries."

This inspiring message was given by the Egyptian Delegation to the Muslim Students' Union, at a public meeting held under its auspices at the Blavatsky Lodge this evening.

Welcoming the Delegation on behalf of the Union, Mr. M. C. Chagla, who presided, said that the members of the Union considered it a unique privilege to receive the representatives of a great and free country.

LESSON FROM EGYPT.

The presence of the delegation in their midst, said Mr. Chagla, would give an opportunity to Muslim students to pause and ponder as to what factors helped Egypt to be a free country. If there was one important factor that brought the Egyptians within an easy reach of their goal, it was their unity which was the result of every individual considering that he was an Egyptian first and an Egyptian last.

DELEGATION'S REPLY.

After thanking the Students Union for the welcome accorded to them, the delegationists said that they appreciated the references made by the President to Egypt's unity.

'Just as we considered that Egypt belonged to us all" continued the delegationists "you must think in terms of the country's needs and not in terms of communities".

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG MUSLIMS

The delegationists were happy that young Muslims in India were all inspired by one ideal namely independence of their motherland. The last impressions they would carry about India, said the delegationists, would be about the nationalist, aspirations of the youth of this country.

Mr. H. R. Sayani thanked the delegation.

CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT

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Commons to the Prime Minister's statement was one of strong support on the Ministerial benches and goodwill on the opposition coupled with a desire that the policy announced should be further developed in due course.

The immediate effect of the statement has been relaxation of tension of the last 24 hours.

Mr. Chamberlain has gone to Chequers for the week-end and other members of the Government are leaving town, although they will remain within call if necessary.—Reuter.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA, March 31.

"A Conference of Premiers has decided to establish a National Council to ensure complete coordination of Australia's defence preparations", announced Mr. Lyons at the conclusion of the Conference. He added the decision was taken in view of the International situation. The Council will consist of the Prime Minister and all State Premiers. Mr. Lyons stated that the Council's functions were purely advisory and would not interfere with the sovereign rights of the States nor with the responsibilities and functions of the Council of Defence.—Reuter

CONGRESS ATTITUDE TO NEW TARIFF BILLS

Indo-British Trade Pact Sequel In Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, March 31.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONGRESS PARTY WILL NOT OPPOSE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TARIFF BILL IMPLEMENTING THE INDO-BRITISH TRADE AGREEMENT.

THEY WILL MOVE AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE THE AGREEMENT AND THROW OUT THE BILL AT ITS THIRD READING IF GOVERNMENT DO NOT ACCEPT THEIR AMENDMENTS.

Immediate Enforcement

As regards the enforcement of new duties, it appears new preferential duties on British textile will come into force with immediate effect as well as the revised duties on bottled provisions.—United Press.

Protection For Sugar, Paper, Silk, Rice

NEW DELHI, March 31.

Two tariff bills were introduced in the Assembly this morning by Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan to give effect to the Government of India's decisions on the reports of the Tariff Board on sugar, paper and magnesium chloride and to continue the duties on silk and broken rice.

The first bill is intended to continue the protective import duty on sugar for a period of two years at a rate reduced from Rs. 7/4 to Rs. 6/12 per cwt. pending a further enquiry into the industry in 1940 as announced yesterday.

The second refers to magnesium chloride, paper, silk and broken rice.

"The Tariff Board," says the statement of objects and reasons, "have recently submitted a report on the sericultural industry also. As there is not sufficient time to complete the examination of that report before the 31st of March when the protective duties on silk and certain manufactures of silk will expire, it is proposed to continue the existing duties for another year under this bill.

"Since the passing of the Indian Tariff (Amendment) Act 1938, Government have maintained a careful watch on the position of rise in the Indian market and they are satisfied that in the interests of the Indian rice grower the protective duty of 12 annas per maund on broken rice should be continued for another year. This proposal is also incorporated in the bill."

The bill continues for seven years and at twelve annas instead of Rs. 1/5 the duty on magnesium chloride; and recasts the schedule relating to paper in accordance with Government's decisions on the Tariff Board report announced yesterday

All the above provisions are to have immediate effect—A. P

CHANGES UNDER TRADE AGREEMENT

Bill Introduced Amidst Resounding Protest

To give immediate effect to the changes in the tariffs consequent on the new Indo-British Agreement, Sir Zafrullah Khan introduced a bill, which "inter alia" provides for the contingent variation of the rates of import duty on cotton piecegoods of British manufacture and empowers the Central Government to make these variations as occasion may arise in conformity with the terms of the Agreement.

The Bill removes the standard rate of 30 per cent. and preferential rate of 20 per cent. 'ad valorem' on 44 articles and substitutes a standard rate of 25 per cent. It also abolishes the preferential rate on a number of other articles in favour of the United Kingdom while retaining the preferential rate in favour of the produce of the Colonies.

Protection on cotton goods is extended up to 1942.

The cotton duties will have immediate effect.

Congress benches gave a resounding cry of "no" to express their opposition to the introduction of the Bill.

SIND PREMIER TO CONCEDE HINDUS' DEMANDS?

No-Confidence Motion Withdrawn By Independent Party

KARACHI, March 31.

In the Sind Assembly this afternoon, the no-confidence motion against the Allahbux Ministry was withdrawn by the Hindu Independent Party.

The members of the Party crossed the floor and occupied the Treasury benches, and consequently the mover of the motion, Dr. Hemandas Wadhwani, was the solitary Hindu sitting on the Opposition benches.

Dr. Hemandas announced in the House that, in pursuance of the decision of the Hindu Independent Party this morning, he was withdrawing the motion. He, however, disagreed with his Party's attitude and has resigned from it.

It transpires that since last night there were peace talks between the Ministerial Party and the Hindus, according to which the Premier has agreed to meet the demands of Hindus to some extent and promised to deal with the "Om-Mandli" suitably. Similarly, in future also the Premier would consult Hindus on important matters.

There will be no expansion of the present Cabinet, neither more parliamentary secretaries will be appointed. The ratio of services and recommendations of the Retrenchment and Corruption Committee will be enforced.

Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani and Mr. Dialmal Daulatram will be sworn in to-morrow as Ministers of the Allahbux Ministry.—United Press.

POLICE OPEN FIRE

Trouble At Lucknow Averted: Curfew Proclaimed

LUCKNOW March 31

The "Madhe Sabha" agitation took a serious turn this evening when rundreds of Shias and Sunnis clashed.

The police opened fire and eleven rounds were fired. Over dozen police constables and three officers, besides a number of rioters, are reported to have been injured.

Curfew order has been promulgated.

SECTIONAL CLASH SEQUEL.

A Shia-Sunni clash occurred this afternoon near Teela Mosque, but the situation was soon brought under control by the prompt action of authorities. One blank round was fired near Asafuddaula Imambara when a gathering of about 15,000 consisting of about 5,000 Shias and 10,000 Sunnis started reciting "Tabarra" and "Madhe Sabha" respectively and also threw brickbats at each other resulting in several injuries to persons. The road leading to Hussainabad Trust was strewn with brickbats. The District Magistrate and the Supdt. of Police and other officials hurried to the scene and brought the situation under control. Threehundred and forty Sunnis and one batch of Shias have been arrested for reciting "Madhe Sabha" and "Tabarra" respectively in defiance of the prohibitory order. Curfew oder for Muslims has been promulgated from 7 p. m. to 6 a. m.

RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT DECISION

In consequence of a Government communique issued last night regarding recitation of "Madhe Sahaba", Maulana Hussain Ahmed announced the withdrawal of Civil Disobedience on behalf of the Ahrars at a mass meeting held at Idgah for he said there was no fear of interference in ligion and also announced that no outside Jathas should now be sent to Lucknow in this connection.

The Tahafuz Namoos Sahaba however continues Civil Disobedience Pending consultations with Maulana Abdul Shakoor and Maulana Zafar ul mulk who are at present in jail.—A. P.

OVER 60 INJURED IN TRAIN COLLISION

NEW YORK, March 31.

Over sixty people were injured, eleven seriously, when two underground trains collided at Queens on the outskirts of the City.—Reuter.

Sales Tax Bill Passes First Reading

LATTHE'S REPLY TO INDUSTRIALISTS

Explains Need Of Stringent Provisions For Evaders: Retail Dealers Won't Be Affected

A severe indictment of the attitude of the representatives of the industrialists was contained in the reply of the Hon. Mr. A. B. Latthe, Finance Minister, to criticisms during the first reading of the Sales Tax Bill in the Bombay Legislative Assembly on Friday.

The Hon. Mr G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly was in the chair.

CONSUMERS' TAX

The Finance Minister characterised the tax as almost entirely as the "consumers' tax."

He expressed the desire to levy the tax at the earliest opportunity, that is on the first buyer or importer who, in his turn, would have to recover it from the second purchaser.

With regard to the difficulty visualised viz., that efforts might be made to smuggle piecegoods, he stated that Government was in correspondence with all the states and he hoped that there would be no evasion. "We will tax our consumption and the States' theirs," he added.

To those members who seemed to have been scared Prohibition, he stated that Government would utilise the entire yield from the Sales Tax Bill for a programme of rural reconstruction and he thought that, after he had made clear the Government attitude, there would be hardly any difference of opinion regarding the necessity of the taxation proposal.

But opposition seemed hardly to relax, as the result of the division showed on the first reading of the Bill. Sixty-one voted for it and 30 against. The first reading of the Bill was carried and the House took up discussion, clause by clause.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

Mr. S. V. Parulekar, resuming his unfinished speech, opposing the first reading of the Bill, stated that the tax on motor petrol, would fall mainly on the poor. If the Government had proposed a tax on petrol, consumed by motor-car owners, he would not have opposed it. Then again the tax on manufactured cloth would hit the poor. He would have supported the Bill, if the tax proceeds were utilised for at least a modest scheme of social insurance for workers.

Mr. Ali Bahadurkhan supporting the first reading of the Bill stated that Government had to find some source and he did not know why those members who supported the Prohibition policy of Government and wanted to have it immediately should oppose the taxation proposal. He felt that Government had no other alternative but to bring in such a Bill.

ATTACK ON CIVIL LIBERTIES.

Mr. Wagh, opposing the first reading stated that his opposition was directed against the inordinate increase in the bureaucracy's powers to interfere with the most ordinary traders, the obnoxious powers sought to be conferred on petty officers to violate the privacy and civil liberties of the honest and peaceful citizen, the condition of licences and the powers of arresting without warrant. He referred to the Madras Bill, which was so framed as generally "to exempt from the new tax small traders who deal in articles of food and clothing."

Sakarlal Balabhai (Ahmedabad Millowners' Association) opposed the first reading of the Bill.

PENALTY TOO DRASTIC.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta stated that his support to the Bill was cordial and "almost unreserved." The history of the sales-tax, he stated, was such that it damaged more governments and ruined more empires than it had saved.

He, however, thought that the drafting of the Bill indicated hurriedness. He appealed that lower and the higher counts might not be mixed up. The penal clause, he thought, would meet with resentment. The punishment was too drastic at the initial stages of an experiment.

Stating that he was not opposed to petrol-tax at any stage, he asked the interests behind petrol not to be too noisy. Petrol was perhaps a commodity which had such vast interests that it constituted a State within a State. He appealed to the industrialists to share the burden, because under the kind of Provincial autonomy they were now having, nothing else could be done. He, however, referred to one danger, namely companies of the Province running away to States, in order to escape from taxation proposals. He referred to the newly formed chemical company of the Tatas who thought it necessary to seek exile in an Indian State.

DEHLAVI'S RESENTMENT

Sir Ali Mohommed Khan Dehlavi, Leader of the Opposition, stated that the States would draw the companies within their jurisdiction by giving them facilities. The speech of the Finance Minister boiled down meant "Give me a blank cheque." If there was a Bill which deserved to be thrown out of the House and trampled upon, it was the Sales' Tax Bill. It was not worthy of their legislature.

Mr. M. C. Ghia also opposed the first reading of the Bill. He thought that the tax on petrol would result in making transport of goods dearer.

Latthe's Reply

Mr. Latthe, replying to the criticisms, stated that he was smiling when the Opposition members spoke about the object of the Bill. He thought that evils of the Sales Bill were conjured up before the House, because it was assumed that the proceeds from that tax would be utilised to make the leeway, resulting from the prohibition policy of Government. He stated that an amount of 35 lakhs of rupees was estimated to accrue, as a result of the Bill and all that amount would be utilised for purposes of rural reconstruction, for which, he thought, there would be no objection. The nightmare of Prohibition seemed to be haunting the minds of the members and that was why, he thought, that there were such criticisms of the Bill.

CONSUMER HIT

The Finance Minister admitted that the tax was almost entirely a consumers' tax. He had never denied it. Figures before him showed that 70 per cent of the people consumed piecegoods of 25 counts, which was really a coarse kind of cloth. 23 per cent of the population used cloth, ranging from 26 to 40 counts, and cotton fabric of still higher counts were used only by 7 per cent of the population. Therefore the tax fell on the 70 per cent of the population and they formed practically the poorer classes of people. He could not believe in the argument that the tax would hit the textile industry.

The Textile interests put forward their grievances both to the Government of India and the Provincial Governments. Side by side, they were cajoling botn the sides. When the mill industry was flourishing and the industrialists were making huge profits, some years ago—and he was told that in some cases they made profits to the extent of 70 per cent—he asked what had they done to improve the condition of the masses. He asked them not to complain against the sales-tax, which was not substantially a burden on them. While conceding that a large margin of profit might enable trade to enter into competition with outsiders, he pointed out that the margin of profit in lower counts was not so limited, as they tried to make one believe. And that formed the bulk of trade in this Province.

But assuming that the sales-tax was a burden on them, he asked them to understand its purpose. If two crores of people were to be benefited, it meant an enormous advantage to them.

With regard to the argument that a distinction should be made between consumers of cloth of higher and lower counts, he did not know how it could be made. It was possible that at times the rich people might go in for coarse cloth and the poor might purchase cloth of higher counts. Moreover the consumers of fabrics of lower counts formed 70 per cent and the source of Government revenue would be practically dry, if they were exempted from the incidence of taxation. If only 7 per cent of the people who consumed cloth of finer variety, were tax Government revenue would be absolutely nil.

With regard to the criticisms of Mr. Parulekar, it seemed to him that he was thinking of only three or four lakhs of workers in Ahmedabad. Such sympathy for the poor seemed unreal. He, however, would gladly welcome the stage when there would be no taxation and no labour. But living, as they did, under a capitalist regime, they had to accept its obligations and limitations.

The question before them was whether or not they wanted agricultural improvement to be speeded up and whether they wanted the operation of large-scale agencies to reach the villages in the Province. Or did they want only two or three parties, mostly staying in the cities, to go into the villages and stay there for three or four months and, at the end of the period, issue through the Director of Information what they had seen in the villages?

If there should be a new life in villages, if productivity was to be speeded up, if cottage industries were to be introduced and generally the condition of the villagers was to be improved, then, he thought, that the burden of taxation, proposed in the Bill, had to be borne by the people.

UNNECESSARY FEAR

After referring to the contradictory nature of arguments advanced by some members of the Opposition in opposing the first reading of the Bill, he stated that it had been pointed out that companies would run away to the States and that Government would not have the benefit of taxing them. He wished all those companies good luck in their new venture. States, he thought, were after all a part and parcel of their country and their own people lived there. If the states grew rich Mr. Parulekar might one day approach them. (Laughter). Such fears did not, however, affect him much.

Referring to the newly started company of the Tatas, he pointed out that they had decided to go to the State before the Bill had come out.

DIFFICULTIES OF GOVT.

His mention of certain difficulties he thought, should not have been taken advantage of by some members by asking him to withdraw the Bill for the present, mature it and then reintroduce it or refer it to a Select Committee. What he emphasised was that there were certain restrictions and limitations under which the tax was to be levied. Consistently with their desire to escape from the Excise difficulties, they would impose sales tax on piecegoods. Rules in the case of the Tobacco Tax Bill were framed after great consultations and after spending a good deal of time. But still, when it was passed, complaints began pouring in and they had to modify whenever found necessary, their original orders. The same difficulties might apply to the present Bill.

In this connection he referred to the opinion of one expert who had stated that Government might take ten years before the Bill was put in proper order. He knew that they might have to improve on their orders from day to day, from month to month or, from year to year and from place to place, as they got more and more experience. He, therfore, thought that delaying the measure or referring it to a Select Committee would not improve matters. The tax on the retailers, he stated, was impossible and their first concern was the petrol tax.

NEED OF STRINGENT PROVISIONS

With regard to the criticisms of the penal clause in the Bill, he stated that power would not be used except in such cases where the tax had been found necessary to be raised. He thought that deterrent punishment was necessary, if the members realised that temptation to evade the tax might be great or attempts to enter, wrong and misleading ac-

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A SHORT STORY

Blackie's Stooge

(BY KARL GRAYSON)

Blackie was a big shot. He had earned the title of Public Enemy No. 1. He was proud of the distinction. There was a price of 5,000 dol. on his head. He knew that there wasn't a man in the mob who didn't envy, admire and fear him.

Just now Blackie was hiding out in a little jerk water town named Pleasantdale. No one knew where he was except Snicker Willson. He was glad now that he had befriended Snicker when Snicker needed friends and money and somebody with influence. Smart little tricks like that had put Blackie on top of the heap—befriending guys who might sometime be of use to him.

The whole nation was hunting Blackie. The cops had kept him pretty busy jumping around from one town to another for the past two weeks. But that was nothing. Blackie wasn't worried. He'd just lay low for a month until the Market street bank job blew over, then he'd go back and receive the plaudits of the mob. Blackie loved flattery more than he loved money, and money was his god. If you had money you could do anything. You could, for example, trust a guy like Snicker. Blackie paid Snicker dol. 100 a week to keep him posted on the cops, to bring him food and keep the car gassed up and ready for a quick get-away. So long as Blackie could afford to pay Snicker one hundred a week, he could depend upon him. Snicker was a dope and no one had any use for him save Blackie. Blackie was smart.

Blackie threw aside the paper-covered magazine he had been reading, lighted a cigarette and paced the length of the small hotel bedroom. Snicker was due any minute now. He hoped Snicker would tell him they could quit this lousy town. He was getting sick of his cramped quarters.

A step sounded in the hall outside. Blackie whirled, whipping the automatic from its shoulder holster, stepping nimbly behind the bureau against the wall.

A rap sounded on the door, three short and a long.

"O.K. Snicker," Blackie said, but he didn't restore his gun to the holster until he made sure the man who entered was actually Snicker.

Snicker's ratlike face revealed intense excitement.

"Boss, we gotta lam. Now. They're closing in. We ain't got no time to lose. Sombody seen yuh here."

Blackie's lips twisted into a snarl. "Why, you half-baked rat, what's the idea o' waitin' till now to get the low-down? What d'yuh think I'm payin' yuh for anyhow? A hundred smackers a week, an' yuh let the coppers practically get the finger on me. I got half a mind to plug yuh full o' daylight. I got half a mind to quit payin' yuh a nickle. You rat!"

As he talked Blackie flung things into a suitcase. Secretly he didn't blame Snicker at all. But Snicker couldn't be allowed to know that. You had to talk tough to a guy like Snicker, or you'd lose his respect. You had to keep him in fear of you. You had to make him think that any minute he was going to be cut off from getting his hundred a week.

"Pick up them bags Punk, and let's get going."

Snicker obediently picked up the two suitcases and went out. He led the way down the back stairs and into a dark alley. Blackie saw the dim outline of the car, heard the motor running softly. Again he congratulated himself on having Snicker. Without Snicker he'd have a pretty tough time of it keeping ahead of the cops.

Shicker tossed the suitcase into the rear of the car.

Go back and pay that dumb hotel manager what we owe him," Blackie ordered. "We ain't going to get picked up on no half baked charge like jumpin' a hotel bill."

He shoved some money into Snicker's hand. Snickier went off into the darkness. Blackie got inside the car and stretched his legs. It was good to smell some fresh air again. It was good getting away from this dump. He'd be glad when things quieted down so he could get back to the big city.

A step sounded on the graveled driveway. Blackie became rigid then relaxed. It was Snick coming back. A smile flicked across his lips. A great guy Snicker. Like a dumb faithfull dog, backin the reflected glory of his master's fame. When things had quieted down, Blackie decided, he'd slip the dope an extra hundred, just to make him feel good.

A voice close to Blackie's ear said: "O.K., Blackie get 'em up!"

Blackie froze. A light flashed on. He became conscious of faces, a sea of faces, grim threatening, businesslike. A hand reached in and snatched away his gun. Cold steel pressed against his wrists. There was a click of locking handcuffs. It was all over in a few seconds. Blackie sat stunned. Then he became conscious of another face, a face that stood out in that sea of faces because it was familiar, sneering, contemptuous.

"Snicker, you double crossin' rat! I'll—"

"A hundred a week," Snicker sneered. "A lousy hundred a week, when I get five thousand in a bunch for stringing with the law. You dope!"

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MUTT AND JEFF—After All, You've Got to Have a Barnyard Romeo — By BUD FISHER

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TWO DOLLARS? NOTHIN' DOIN'! I WANT FIVE DOLLARS!
FIVE DOLLARS? BUT THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY FOR ONE CHICKEN!
I CAN'T HELP THAT! I GOT A ROOSTER THAT'S SO FOND OF THIS HEN THE SHOCK WILL KILL HIM, TOO!
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'Holidays With Pay' Is An "Impossible Condition"

A. D. SHROFF WANTS NO OUTSIDE CONTROL OVER UNIONS: PLEA FOR INQUIRY TO FIX LIVING STANDARD

"Indian Employers have realised and are realising everyday that the essence of success and prosperity of an industry is harmonious Co-operation between Labour and capital and the employer has now realised, if he does not ask for that co-operation, he would go to the wall."

So said Mr. A. D. Shroff, the representative of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, in the course of his evidence before the Textile Enquiry Committee at the resumed hearing of the Chamber's evidence on Thursday.

Hon. Mr. Justice H. V. Divatia presided.

Messrs. M. C. Ghia and J. K. Mehta were the other representatives of the Chamber that appeared before the Committee.

BEST ORGANISED INDUSTRY

Answering Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Mr. Shroff agreed that the cotton textile industry was the best organised industry in the country and any rise in its level of wages would react on the other industries. The effect of such a rise should be watched as labour also was mobile. As the industry was not in a position to bear the increased cost of production, unless profits also resulted simultaneously economics could not be effected in other directions or through better production that would result from increased wages.

Estimates as to per capita income varied in India from Rs. 50 to 100 though according to the Simon Commission which rather erred on the side of liberality it was Rs. 96. This amount did not sufficiently satisfy human needs. Poverty was the first problem in India, and agricultural income was much lower than Rs. 100. The workers' income was generally higher than the agricultural income.

PROVINCIAL GOVT.'S LIMITATIONS

He wished that the Congress Governments had adopted a co-ordinated policy as regards labour and industrial affairs. It was not possible to improve conditions of labour in Bombay with the handicaps at the centre.

As to how the increased Cotton Import Duty and the Indo-British Trade Pact besides the local sales tax and property tax affected the textile industry, the representatives promised to supply the data later.

Asked to substantiate, what they meant by saying that there was perhaps maldistribution of worker's income, Mr. Shroff cited a Minister's utterance that prohibition would save 10 crores of Rupees for the worker. They would watch with interest, how the worker would use the additional income.

NO HOLIDAYS WITH PAY

In regard to holidays with pay Mr. Shroff opined that it was an impossible condition, that could not be fulfilled, though an ideal one.

If the industry could bear it, should grant holidays with pay.

In case effective protection was afforded to the industry the industry would be prepared to bear the responsibility of given a minimum wage.

In the members' opinion, poverty and ill-health were problems which could not be solely solved by Provincial Governments.

In Bombay the Trade unions were not solely and wholly interested in legitimate trade union work. If they were genuine and "pucca" trade unions they were bound to be recognised by the millowners. The unions should be safeguarded from political intrusions.

The industry was not in a position to afford cost of technical training to workers.

The Chamber believed a literate worker would be more efficient and employers had devoted their attention to the literacy.

With regard to subsidiary industries, the Tariff Board was in favour of affording protection against foreign competition Mr. Ghia agreed that apathy and lack of enterprize among industrialists as well as insufficient protection was responsible for the slow progress of such industries.

Replying to Mr. Sakarlal Balabhai, Mr. Shroff said that the industry was not in a position to bear any more burdens that arose from minimum wage, etc.

Mr. Shroff said that the industry was faced with a new problem —inter-provincial competition. The aspect should interest the National planning Committee. In Madras there was a move towards self-sufficiency. The Committee should draw the attention of the Government of India to the aspect.

In Bombay as a result of interim wage-increase, absenteeism had increased.

PRODUCTION COST

If labour was organised in Trade unions run on proper lines with the fair traditions of settling disputes through agreements, a minimum wage and such things would be feasible. In spite of low cost per head, the total cost per unit of cloth was higher in India.

In their view there was a 15 per cent fall in prices of grey goods whereas prices of cotton fell by nil almost. The industry was not in a position to make any profits than in 1938 there were forward contracts and consequent profits.

Rationalisation by itself, they opined would not save the industry but not bring the day of ruination of industry the evil day nearer.

NEED OF INQUIRY

Answering Prof. D. R. Gadgil Mr. Shroff said that the standard in regard to a living wage implied an ideal. Family budgets should be considered therein. It could not be reduced to a concrete evaluation otherwise than by a scientific enquiring. An enquiry on the lines of the League of Nations Model in relation to our country's conditions, which radically differed should be undertaken to determine living wage. It should determine the calorier of energy required in a certain place of work to the physical fitness of the worker. It should take into account average incidence of normal sickness but not long sickness as appendicitis, etc.

PLEA FOR WAGE BOARD

Any minimum way decided, could not be enforced in any other manner than through legislation. They suggested Wage Board machinery with a definite object of enforcing minimum wage with the aid of law.

The Chamber had suggested Wage Boards as in England with representatives of employers and employees as also technical experts.

In a place like Bombay a minimum wage fixation would be helpful and welcome if it was satisfactory to the Millowners' Association. But Labour in Bombay was not satisfied with the standard fixed by the Association. In Ahmedabad the system was different. Arbitration was its essence. It was not so in Bombay. The Indian worker had not developed a sense of responsibility.

He was of the opinion that if by active consent labour and employer agreed, labour should implement the agreement. He hoped that Trade unions here realised the same sense of responsibility as those in England.

Regarding co-operation between employer and labour, Mr. Shroff said that the Indian employers had realised the value of such co-operation.

Apart from minimum wage there should be an efficiency bonus, and a good attendance bonus. Replying a question Mr. Shroff said, double shift was an efficiency measure and was a part of rationalisation scheme. Working conditions also determined efficiency. Textile industry would welcome a research atmosphere though it was not a position to undertake it.

SCOPE BEFORE INDUSTRY

Replying to Mr. Khandubhai Desai, Mr. Shroff stated that in Bombay capital for the textile industry had become hesitant as a sequel to the publication of the Interim Report. There was, however, scope for development of the industry in case the country was to be self-sufficient and foreign competition could be stopped.

Because competition could not be stopped there was over-production.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Asked by Mr. Desai whether the margin of imports of 650 millions yards of cloth could not be manufactured by night shift or through the policy of encouraging handicrafts, Mr. Shroff said it could be done if they put restraint on the present scope for export. Mr. Desai said he was against export policy as it would lead to war.

BOMBAY'S NERVOUSNESS

In reply to a question whether Bombay Textile Industry wanted to monopolise the Indian Market, Mr. Shroff said it should be its privilege as a pioneer in the field but capital was drifting elsewhere and mills thrived at other places because labour was a big handicap in Bombay. The wages as well as strikes in Bombay made capital nervous.

Asked how inspite of the so-called handicaps which were then being stated in Bombay and for 20 years in Ahmedabad, the industry trebled itself at the latter place, and whether the handicaps were not being unduly stressed Mr. Shroff said "Industrialists think otherwise."

PROTECTION AND WAGES

Answering another question, Mr. Shroff said, if the textile industry was to approach the Tariff Board for more protection without effecting a cut in the wages, the industry would have to close down.

It was a matter of coincidence then that some of the unemployed as a result of rationalisation would be absorbed in the night shifts but ultimately the problem of unemployment would have to be solved by the State alone. Mr. Shroff said that in his personal opinion the fair basis of agency commission should be 10 per cent. on net profits.

Answering Mr. R. A. Khedgikar, Mr. Shroff said that by literacy they meant the knowledge of three Rupees.

In comparison with Japan the disparity of efficiency of an Indian worker was 100 per cent and with England it was 200 per cent.

In reply to a question Mr. Shroff said millowners would object to Communist control of unions.

The Chairman said that the question would not arise under the new Act (Trade Disputes Act) for recognition would be based on membership percentage. But there was no compulsion in regard to recognition.

Mr. Shroff said that though there was no compulsion every responsible employer should respect and appreciate the policy of the Government.

He was of opinion that outsiders should not control unions.

Mr. Khedgikar pointed out that it was necessary to have outsiders in the unions as workers were afraid of victimisation.

On an enquiry from Mr. Shroff the Chairman pointed out that there was some protection against victimisation under the new Act.

Mr. Khedgikar said even then fear of victimisation would be there and outside control was necessary in Trade unions.

Muslim Leaders Want Popular Government

No Community Should Be Permitted To Dominate State

(From Our Correspondent.)

HYDERABAD, March 30.

"The fact that certain local and outside organisations have started subversive activities within our Dominions provides no justification for opposing early inauguration of reforms," observed Dr. Latif Sayeed and six other Muslim leaders of Hyderabad in the course of a statement released to the press to-day.

While the Anjuman Ittihad-ul-Musalmin is for political supremacy and hope of statutory majority in the Legislature, the State Congress is for responsible Government and the other institutions are for political reforms as adumbrated in the various firmans of the Nizam, the signatories present a statement, fully agreeing with the general view, are definitely of opinion that the present structure of administration and its capacity to do good to people leaves much to be desired.

With regard to Muslims, the signatories state that the Muslim community in Hyderabad is unique and has no parallel in any other State or province and the Muslims have been the very life-blood of the administration for the last several centuries. As to the expansion of the legislature they state, "For the maintenance of communal harmony and in order to prevent the legislature from deteriorating into a communal organisation it is essential that the composition of the Legislative Council should be such that no class or community is placed in a position that will enable it to dominate over other classes and communities." However it demands popular legislatures, with responsibility in the executive, and judiciary independent executive interference.

Use Easter Concessions For Attending Kisan Sabha

Dr. Keshava Prasad Sinha, General Secretary, Reception Committee, the All-India Kisan Sabha, 4th Session, Gaya has issued the following to the press:—

The All-India Kisan Sabha is having its fourth session at Gaya on the 9th and 10th of April 1939. These dates have been fixed in order to suit the convenience of people attending.

The Easter concession will be issued from the 31st of March to the 10th of April on all the E. I. Ry., B B & C I., G I P., Madras. Assam and other lines and will be available till the 24th of April. Besides Easter the week and cheap return tickets will be available on the E I Ry., all for a longer period.

The concession available will surely make it more easy for people to attend the session. Gaya is on the Grandchord line and trains running in almost every direction will bring people direct here. I have every hope that every section of toilers and their friends will make it a point to attend the Sabha and make it a success.

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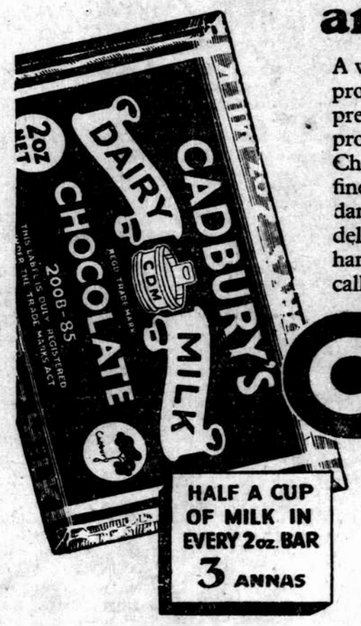

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Film Fare For The Week

James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan in "Shopworn Angel," at Metro.

"Shopworn Angel"

James Stewart Shines In Fine Film At Metro

JAMES STEWART

The dramatic story of a woman who sacrifices her love for one man so that she might send another away to the war with a beautiful memory without shattering his ideals, is the unusual theme of "The Shopworn Angel," starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan at the Metro.

Miss Sullavan brilliantly portrays the role of a gold-digging show girl who marries the young, naive soldier, James Stewart because she wants him to go to France with a memory and also because he is the first man who has ever looked upon her as a fine woman. Her other sweetheart is Walter Pidgeon, the dashing man-about-town, who knows and loves her for what she is.

All three performances are excellent but James Stewart is simply brilliant in a role which suits him to a dot. His sensitive characterization lends pathos and humanity to a hole which otherwise may have become comic.

The period of the picture is 1917 and all the color and excitement of the World War is included. H. C. Potter deftly directed the film."

"The Shopworn Angel" also marks Miss Sullavan's debut as a singer and dancer.

Virginia Field Joins Annabella In "Maiden Voyage"

Virginia Field, young English actress who made her name in "Lloyd's Of London," has joined Annabella and Robert Young in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Maiden Voyage." She plays the bride whom Young never quite marries, since he fails to show up at his own wedding three times.

Claudette Colbert Co-Starred With James Stewart

"It's a Wonderful World" has gone into production at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios with Claudette Colbert and James Stewart as co-stars. The supporting cast includes Ernest Truex, Frances Drake, Sidney Blackmer, Nat Pendleton, Guy Kibbee and Edgar Kennedy. W.S. Van Dyke II is directing, with Frank Davis as producer.

"IT'S IN THE AIR" AT REGAL

George Formby Seen In Crazy Comedy

Scruffy, the mongrel dog who has now achieved screen fame, unconsciously provides one of the high-lights in the new George Formby comedy to be seen this week at Regal Theatre. The story presents George as a rejected Air Warden aspirant who is left in charge of a transmission set. He contacts a radio operator, Corporal Craig, who requests him to put on a record in order to relieve his boredom. George obliges personally with a song played to the accompaniment of his ukelele but unfortunately pulls the wrong switch and destroys the set. He arrives home dejectedly to find his sister's airman fiance, Bob, preparing for leave. George is entrusted with the care of his uniform and takes the opportunity of inspecting it. Finding a letter addressed to an important official, George dons the uniform and sets off to deliver it with the mistaken idea of saving Bob from disgrace.

A series of misadventures result in George being mistaken for a dispatch rider from headquarters and he almost succeeds in wrecking the camp with his sublime clumsy ignorance. He becomes the butt of Craig whose practical jokes result in the poor simpleton being constantly hauled over the coals by the irate Sergeant-Major. He makes every conceivable mistake even to sleeping in the S-M's bedroom, innocently believing that he is in the "rookies" billets. Peggy, the Sergeant-Major's daughter has a kindly feeling for George and when she learns of his masquerade she does her best to help him straighten things out. Unfortunately Craig discovers the deception and George, fearing the consequences, endeavours to escape, but is ordered into the cockpit of a new machine and instructed to start the engine. Scruffy rushes up to the aeroplane and in an endeavour to attract his master's attention, pulls the rope holding the machine in position and George finds himself alone in the heavens with a 'plane about which he knows nothing, describing weird figures in the sky, swooping earthwards in hair-raising dives, loosing live bombs and machine-gun bullets—in short doing everything but break his neck. His eventual landing of the 'plane is nothing short

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YEAR'S BEST FILM AT PATHE

"You Can't Take It With You"

The outstanding film of the year, "You Can't Take It With You," directed by Frank Copra, is revived this week at Pathe.

Both technically and in its social content, it is one of the finest things seen on the screen. The genius of the creator of "Mr. Deeds Goes To Town" and "Lost Horizon" achieves newer heights in this film. No discriminating cine-goer should miss it.

James Stewart, Jean Arthur, Lionel Barrymore are among the excellent cast.

TAMIL TALKIE AT PLAZA

"Eknath" To Be Seen On Sunday Morning

Messrs. Ponambalam Pictures Ltd., of Coimbatore have carved out a place for themselves in the South Indian film industry by the high standard of their production in technique and entertainment value alike.

"Eknath" which was released 15 (fifteen) weeks back in Madras City continues to draw crowds. It is a mythological production. Members of the Madras Shining Star Society are the main actors in this picture. The direction has been in the able hands of Mr. H. S. Mehta.

Mr. P. S. Krishnaswami, who plays the important role of "Eknath' has many song-hits to his credit. The film will be shown as a morning show at Plaza to-morrow (Sunday) at 10-30.

Eddie Cantor in "Alibaba Goes To Town," revived at Broadway.

"THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER" AT PALACE

The Palace is reviving this week "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer", the famous story of America's greatest author, Mark Twain,—brought to life on the screen in glorious technicolour by David O. Selznick. The subject is one that lends itself to colour and some of the shots are breath-takingly magnificent, especiallly those where Tom and Becky are lost in the cave.

Tom Sawyer, who has become a beloved hero to millions the world over, was re-created by Tomy Kelly, who was chosen by Selznick out of 25,000 aspirants for the role. Tommy is a natural, typical American boy who possesses to a marked degree that elusive quality known as screen personality. The picture offers a glorious, thrilling screen entertainment which none should miss.

"Victor McLaglen" who stages a comedy fight with a mule in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's LET FREEDOM RING has had plenty of experience in working with animals in pictures? When he came to New York in 1924 to appear in THE BELOVED BRUTE for Vitagraph, he found himself cast opposite a mountain lion.

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Claudette Colbert, currently busy in "Zaza" at Paramount, is one of the few Hollywood stars who doesn't need to diet to keep her trim figure. Miss Colbert consistently eats just the food she wishes, regardless of the calories involved.

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of miraculous and instead of the disgrace he anticipated, he is immediately enlisted.

It is good fun for those who like this kind of crazy comedy and George Formby, as usual, makes a hilarious fool.

STAR OF THE WEEK

James Stewart

He Was Once A Magician's Assistant'

Here is a portrait in dots of James Stewart two of whose outstanding films "Shopworn Angel" (Metro) and "You Can't Take It With You" (Pathe) are seen this week:—

James Stewart's first connection with the movies was in the capacity of a projection machine operator in an Indian theatre..... He claims he got his dramatic training by watching the actors over and over again...Like Buddy Ebsen he also worked as a soda jerker.....And topping this in the way of odd jobs he was the official organ pumber in his neighbourhood church..... The training came in handy when he pumped the organ in "Of Human Hearts"..

Stewart is a product of Princeton University..... He says the most important thing he learned there was to play the accordion... During his vacation he worked as a magician's assistant.....This first taste of trouping led to a job in a summer stock company... He graduated to Broadway roles in "Yellow Jack" "Page Miss Glory" and "Journey at Night" to mention just a few of his hit appearances...He could have been in "All Good Americans" too but the producer wanted him to throw his beloved accordion out of the window and he refused.....

Following in the footsteps of Robert Taylor he made his first appearance before the cameras in a short subject..... It starred the late "Chic Sale and was called "Important News"...It was definitely important news for Stewart because despite the fact that he wore glasses and a strange haircomb, it led to his recognition as an actor of outstanding ability.....He confirmed all advance expectations by his brilliant work in "Rose Marie," "The Last Gangster," "Of Human Hearts," "Seventh Heaven" and "Navy Blue and Gold"—Currently he is co-starred with Margaret Sullavan in "The Shopworn Angel," showing at the Metro Theatre.

SOUTH SEA FILM AT EXCELSIOR

"Wallaby Jim Of The Islands"

"Wallaby Jim of the Islands", seen this week at the Excelsior, is an exciting adventure film with the romantic South Seas background.

The leading roles are played by George Houston ("Gabriel Over The White House") and Ruth Coleman.

It is a lively combination of adventure, romance and the glamorous atmosphere which is the soul of the South Seas.

VISUAL EDUCATION SOCIETY

In a recent meeting of the Visual Education Society, the following office-bearers have been elected for the year 1939-40:

Mrs. Lilawati Munshi, M.L.A.,—President; Mr. M. T. Vyas and Fr. Coyne, Vice-President; Mr. S. V Shukla, Chairman; Mr. I. G. Mogul, Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. K. S. Hirlekar and Mr. M. P. Shah, Hon. Secretaries.

In a brief period of about three quarter of an year since inception, the Society tried to focus the attention of the Provincial Governments and educationists to the importance of instructional film in education through the Bombay Secondary Teachers' Conference held at Surat, C. P. and Berar Educational Conference at Khandwa and All-India Educational Conference at Bombay.

The Society has, amongst others, published two useful booklets—"Place of Film in National Planning" and "Requirements of Sub-standard Film Projectors for Schools and Colleges."

The Society is co-operating with the Executive Committee of the Indian Motion Picture Congress to make Indian Educational Film Conference to be held on 23rd April a success.

Hollywood's Most Talkative Man

The most loquacious man in Hollywood is Pete Smith!

A recent check-up revealed that in the 102 Specialities Pete has made since he started narrating he has spoken 183,000 words—which is considerable conversation even for a narrator.

"ADVENTURES OF ROBINHOOD"

Revived This Week At Empire

That fine adventure film, in technicolour, "The Adventures Of Robinhood," is revived this week at the New Empire.

Starring Errol Flynn in the finest role of his career, this romantic melodrama has already run with great success on several occasions. Its revival is in response to continued public demand for it.

The cost of thousands includes such well-known names as Olivia De Havilland, Basil Rathbone, Claude Rains, Melville Cooper, etc.

ALI BABA GOES TO TOWN

Eddie Cantor Film Revived At Broadway

"Ali Baba Goes To Town", starring Eddie Cantor with Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang, Louise Hovick and a thousand of others, is revived this week at the Broadway, Kingsway, Dadar.

"Ali Baba Goes To Town" is the most magnificent combination of colourful-extravaganza, sidesplitting comedy, song hits, beautiful girls, exotic dances, brilliant dialogue and lavish sets.

The spectacular musical hit has been enriched by a revolutionary new three-tone tinted process in which a combination of blue and orange is utilized for the night sequences, while sepia, amber and copper provided the three-tone effect for the day time episodes.

Errol Flynn and Olivia De Havilland in "Adventures of Robinhood," revived at Empire.

MOTION PICTURE CONGRESS

Exhibition To Cover Eight Acres

The final plans of the Indian Motion Picture Congress Exhibition are now ready. It will cover an area of eight acres on the Reclamation grounds between Church Gate and Marine Lines Railway Stations and will provide one of the grandest spectacles that Bombay has seen for some time. There will be ten streets intersecting the grounds, each one named after—prominent producing concern which has undertaken the work of decorating its particular thoroughfare. When the resources of the biggest producers of Bombay and Calcutta are concentrated at one spot, the result will certainly be something worth looking forward to.

Myrna Loy's Screen Father

A father for Myrna Loy has been found at last. After a three weeks' search, the lucky "parent" is Henry O'Neill, veteran character actor. He was Miss Loy's own personal choice as the ideal father of the wealthy fun-loving girl she portrays in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Lucky Night," in which she is co-starred for the first time with Robert Taylor.

Nora Gale featured in Paramount's "Me and My Gal", formerly danced at London's exclusive Dorchester House. Miss Gale was also featured with Harry Richman's troupe before entering film work.

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Cecil B. De Mille, producer-director of Paramount's "Union Pacific", has written the chapter on motion picture direction which will appear in a new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britanica. He also authored the chapter on the same subject in the current edition, which is now outmoded because of new developments in the cinema field.

Joe E. Brown in an amusing scene from "Gladiator", at Eros.

THAT'S HOW THEY ALL BEGAN!

Cast Of "Mr. Moto's Last Warning" At Capitol

Breaking into motion pictures has been accomplished in many different manners but none are so strange—nor as varied—as the beginnings experienced by the cast of 20th Century-Fox's "Mr. Moto's Last Warning" which stars Petter Lorre in the sixth of the series of films based on the clever Oriental detective. The picture is seen at Capitol this week.

Success for John Carradine came when he was parading Hollywood Boulevard, reciting Shakespeare for all who cared to listen. Cecil B. DeMille noticed not the eccentricity of his actions but the deep baritone voice with which he quoted the famous Bard of Avon. Thus, John entered pictures as a voice in the throng of extras employed for "The Sign of the Cross" which spoke: "Not Death, but Victory."

Lovely Virginia Field came to New York after making several British films. Virginia read lines for a fellow-actor who was making a screen test. Darryl Zanuck, 20th Century-Fox production chief, saw the test in Hollywood was unimpressed by the young man, but offered a contract to Miss Field.

A depression in England served as the impetus which sent George Sanders on his professional career. Because of the scarcity of jobs, Sanders studied voice for six months on the advice of his uncle, an opera singer. So well did he progress that at the end of the training period he joined the cast of a show as featured singer.

Lovely little Joan Carol, six-year-old blonde youngster, was a member of a group of children who were vying for a role in a 20th Century-Fox picture. Joan was too old for the part but she so impressed the director with her charm and personality that he had a part written for her into the script.

Ricardo Cortez had to get up well before dawn to get his first screen part. It was at Fort Lee, N.J., and Cortez was first in a long line of extras seeking work in a Biograph film starring Violet Messereau. He got the job and since then has appeared in over 250 pictures.

Lorre, Mr. Moto himself, won fame for his gripping pathological study as a murderer in the continental production, "M". As do all good actors eventually, he heeded Hollywood's call and came to the screen capital.

Joe E. Brown, "Gladiator"

Terrific Crazy Comedy At Eros This Week

Besides being the funniest show in town, Joe E. Brown's "The Gladiator" at the Eros Theatre boasts the most unusual comedy idea that ever survived a Hollywood story conference. It deserves to be called nothing less than terrific..

JOE E. B.

What confronts us on the Eros Theatre screen is Joe E. Brown, Homo Sapiens, 1938 model, supercharged by a mysterious serum into a superman. Joe's at college when the transformation takes place. He becomes an athletic sensation who would make the gods of Olympia scratch their marble heads in wonderment.

The entire gamut of comedy, from slapstick to whimsy, with proper portions of pathos and romance, are superbly blended in the star's interpretation of the title role. His Herculean achievements are every whit as amusing as they are amazing. The humour and interest mount steadily to the rousing climactic wrestling match between Brown and Man Mountain Dean, the bearded giant. What happens when the mysterious strength-serum in Joe's system evaporates, in the middle of the crucial contest, is much too merry a secret to be disclosed here.

Amazingly enough, "The Gladiator" contains more genuine heart interest than any of Joe E's previous films, and largely because of a superlative performance by petite June Travis as the College girl who loses her heart to the six-cylinder sensation.

THEY ALSO SERVE WHO STAND-IN!

The demands made upon studio "stand-ins" are multiplying.

Last week Charlie Ruggles gave his stand-in, William Knudson, a new briar pipe to break in.

This was topped by Gracie Allen, portraying the featured role in Paramount's "The Gracie Allen Murder Case."

New shoes, provided by the wardrobe department, pinched her feet and her stand-in, Jessie Lee, spent her lunch hour walking them into more comfortable condition.

Peter Lorre in "Mr. Moto's Last Warning," at Capitol.

George Formby in a scene from "It's In The Air," at Regal.

Latthe's Reply To Industrialists

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counts in the books in order to conceal facts were likely to be made. In the case of the retailers, such a huge amount of Rs. 5,000 could not be realised and the clause in any case would not be applied to them.

Finally, he thought that some protection in the case of handloom weavers whose misery and misfortune was not unknown was not ill-deserved. On the whole, the Bill was for financing a scheme of rural reconstruction about which, he thought, there would hardly be any difference of opinion in the House.

The first reading was pressed to a division and carried 61 voting for and 30 against.

SECOND READING

Then consideration of the Bill, clause by clause, was taken up. More than 85 amendments had been tabled.

Mr. M. C. Ghia moved an amendment seeking to levy and collect taxes on piecegoods at the time of retail sale in the Province.

Mr. Latthe, replying, stated that such a tax would result in a good deal of harassment and evasion. It was because of those difficulties that they did not propose to tax retailers. He knew that some millowners had their retail shops. He stated that Government would devise some method to keep exported goods safe from the tax and to see that there would be no unfair burden on the manufacturers. At that stage he could not, however, give details about the method they would propose.

THREE OFFICIAL BILLS

The Speaker announced that there were three official Bills before the House, namely the Sales Tax Bill, the Debt Redemption Bill and the Village Panchayat Bill which would emerge from the Select Committee. After those Bills were disposed of, the House would consider non-official business.

QUESTION HOUR

Adulteration Of Drugs

Mr. S. H. Jhabvala had a fifty per cent. share in the number of questions put during the question time.

Questions on the sale of "fictitious" medicines in Bombay elicited the information that in 1937, the Bombay City police sent for analysis to the Chemical Analyser to Bombay, some samples of quinine pills, aspirin tablets and seidlitz powders. The first three samples were found to be devoid of the respective drugs and the last contained sodium bicarbonate a poison instead of tartaric acid.

The Central Government proposed to introduce in the Central Legislature a bill to prevent the manufacture and sale of adulterated drugs and medicines. The drugs for Government hospital and dispensaries were generally purchased through the Medical Stores Department and small quantities were purchased from firms of repute. It was possible, stated the Minister for Public Health that private hospitals and dispensaries might have been the victims of manufacturers and sellers of adulterated drugs.

The Prime Minister, replying to a question on the different committees stated that the report of the Rent Inquiry Committee was being drafted.

Questioned on the proposed measures to prevent motor accidents, Mr. Munshi, Minister for Law and Order stated that 19 traffic islands had so far been permanently constructed and they facilitated the free flow of traffic at complicated junctions.

The control of motor transport had been under consideration and the legislation passed by the Central Assembly was expected to be in operation from 1st July 1939. It had been designed to obtain better control over motor vehicles and consequently greater safety on the roads.

Traffic police in Bombay, there being strengthened and the offenders were being vigorously prosecuted.

To another question on the use of saccharine by aerated water factories, Dr. M. D. Gilder stated that the Government had recently promulgated rules under the Bombay Prevention Adulteration Act, prohibiting the mixing of saccharine in any article of food or drink, on the question whether saccharine in small doses had any ill effect or not, there was much controversy but saccharine in large doses was considered to be injurious to health.

The House had disposed of twelve amendments, when it adjourned till Saturday (to-day) at 8-30 a. m.

The Egyptian delegates refreshing themselves at a tea party given by the Arab residents of Bombay on Thursday evening.

Prince and Princess Aly Khan snapped on arrival in Bombay by Thursday's mail boat.

I Cover Another Town

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driving back towards Ballygunge you feel as if you are racing along the outskirts of Paris, with those country houses and their massive steel gates. The dim lit roads and the dark green of the trees and the air make this metropolis a little different from the other places. But it doesn't keep like that always. Sometimes you pass a "rusgoola" shop and it takes the illusion out of you. Then it becomes the India of our fathers and perhaps it is just as well.

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Compared to Bombay, I like the picture houses of Calcutta much better. The Metro of Calcutta is human. There is something personal about the place and on its inner walls there don't hang no murals. Its just plain Yank, measured in ten cents to the dollar. The Manager's name is Ben Cohn—a crooner of some distinction in the days when Bing Crosby was just another man. Out in India and married to an American girl he can lean back and not wonder when the bell for the next show will ring. Out in India too he hears the melodious voice of some stranger shouting for him: "Cohn hai?" and he knows that in this little India he will be so much more at home

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So too are the New Empire and the Lighthouse. You even have a girl selling you tickets at the door instead of a Portuguese gentleman from Goa. I would anytime have Anglo-India to no India at all. It all goes to show that its not enough to build a huge structure in stone, if you can't put some human stuff into it. The cinema proprietors of Bombay would benefit by a visit to Calcutta. That is probably also why one sees the genial personality of one section of the Regal management of Bombay in this part of the world.

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One cannot leave without one word about the New Market. This is the paradise of Miss Anglo-India. This is where coolies still rush with empty baskets shouting "Memsahib" and how they like it! Nowhere else in the world would they cause such a flutter. Nowhere except in this New Market of Calcutta. It is true, it is a very composite sort of a place You can buy almost anything in it, but I don't think it could be very good. It is just one of these places which has traded for years on its reputation and traded and traded. It is a landmark like the Black Hole and no one has bothered to investigate its authenticity.

And now there only remain the people.

(To Be Continued.)

BHOPAL STATE BUDGET PROPOSALS

Finance Minister's Defence Of Administration Charges

BHOPAL, March 31.

The Bhopal Legislative Council commenced its session yesterday under the Presidentship of the Hon. Mr. Mohamed Ahmedkhan, the Chief Justice, when the annual Budget for the year 1939/40 came up before the house for discussion. The budget contains no taxation proposals, and shows a total revenue of Rs. 64.26.250 and expenditure of Rs. 63,95,250.

Pandit Chatar Narain Malaviya complained that the judiciary was not satisfactory and the administration was top heavy. He said that the Sugar Factory at Sehore had done more harm than good to the people of Bhopal. The price of Sugar-cane was low while the prices of sugar had gone up.

In his opinion the sums allotted for education, hospitals and rural uplift were also inadequate.

The Hon. Mr. Muftisah, the Finance Minister, replying to the criticism regarding heavy administration charges, said that in order to maintain the efficiency of the administration they had to pay ministers and officers adequately. Regarding grants for schools, hospitals and other departments, the matter was receiving the attention of the Government.

The Budget will now be sent to the Council of State.—A.P.

JANJIRA STATE SUBJECTS AWAKENED

Prajamandal Demands Citizen's Rights

A meeting of the Janjira State subjects resident in Bombay was held on Thursday night in the compound of the Janjira Motor Training School, near J. J. Hospital when Sirdar Siddi Mahomad, a Scion of the Janjira Nabab's family was in the chair.

The President made a strong plea for Janjira State subjects, Hindu and Muslim organising for getting elementary rights of citizenship and responsible government and appealed to all not to lag behind the people of other States.

Resolutions passed at the meeting affirmed to the house of the Nabab of Janjira, condemned the 'uncivilised and reactionary policy' of the administration and demanded fundamental rights of citizenship, namely, rights of free speech, free association and expression of opinion. The meeting also demanded reduction in land revenue assessment and control of the Inamdars' ways of behaving with the ryots.

The meeting affirmed its intention to carry on propaganda by peaceful and non-violent means and appealed to the Nawab Saheb to redress all their grievances.

Among the speakers were Messrs. V. R. Dighe, Dr. Uhare and Janab Ayutkhan who pleaded for strict non-violence as the basis of their united and organised campaign for winning their rights.

GOVT. OF INDIA FIVE P. C. LOAN

NEW DELHI, March 31.

The Government of India notify in the gazette that the whole of the five per cent loan 1939/44 will be repaid at par on July 15, 1939 with all interest due up to date. Interest will not accrue on the loan from and after that date.—A.P.

Says the "BOMBAY CHRONICLE" :—

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V. H. DESAI

of "BHABI" fame once again in a role which provokes laughter in every "shot" in which he appears.

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RAI MOHAN

yet another Newcomer to BOMBAY TALKIES plays the "main obstacle" responsible for much hilarity and excitement.

Meet

MAHENDRA

the "malade imaginaire," the novice on the Tennis Court, and yet the Conquering Hero who won the Queen of his dreams against heavy odds.....

RAMA SHUKUL

Who WON Universal Applause in "BHABI"

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Budget And The Small Landlords

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Being faced with the wherewithal to meet a loss of Rs. 240 lakhs the Finance Minister hinted upon the least troublesome, least thought provoking, and most convenient and inexpensive plan of forcing the landlords of Bombay its suburbs and Ahmedabad to shell out a crore and twenty-seven lakhs. According to him, the only test applied is one of capacity to pay.

A landlord in Bombay and its suburbs and also Ahmedabad pays in respect of property—

(a) Municipal taxes
(b) Assessment for land to Government which in Bombay in cases particularly of Toka tenure and newly assessed land is a fairly large amount and
(c) Income tax

and is now called upon to pay property tax which in Bombay is a little over 1/2 the existing Municipal tax and in suburbs very nearly the full amount of the Municipal tax. Rent is thus subjected to four different taxations, though even apart from the new tax, it was already a heavily taxed commodity.

Whereas in the case of Municipal tax the landlord has the consolation, albeit small, of a refund in respect of vacancy it is not clear if the Government is prepared to vouchsafe even that small concession.

My first submission on this new form of taxation is whether it is fair that the landlords in 2 industrial cities and their suburbs in the Province should alone be called upon to contribute 1,27 lacs towards the loss consequential upon the prohibition and rural development schemes. Are we to suppose that the landlords of the select area are the only favoured few who have the capacity to pay? Are we to suppose that the landlords of the other districts and Taluka Towns, which also have some industries, are too poor to pay anything? Granted that it is the intention to rope in the landlords of the other urban areas in due course is it fair that there should be any discrimination in the initial stage? Why should they be denied the pleasure of paying for the uplift of their fallen brethren?

My next submission is that the supposition that the landlords are the only class which can be credited with the ability and capacity to pay is not well-founded though that indeed is the common belief of the unthinking mass indulging in generalisations.

A landed property is after all one form of investment.

There are other forms of investment, such as Government Paper, gold, silver, jewellery and the like, and these the Finance Minister leaves untouched though even he must concede that a very substantial portion of the wealth of the rich lies invested in these other forms of investments.

The plain fact is that you do not touch all the rich by having a go at the landlords.

My next submission is that for a measure which is calculated to benefit the entire population of the province it is unfair that a class of persons which cannot number more than 18,000, should alone be called upon to foot a huge bill.

The measure means that a drunkard has to be saved from himself. The direct benefit, if any should result in fact, will be to the drunkard and his dependants and they are the people who are not to be called upon to bear the burden. The direct benefit will be to the society in general which likewise is not called upon to pay except to a small extent. The few landlords who are now called upon to shoulder the main part of the burden, will it is true be indirectly benefited as members of the Society at large but there can be neither sense nor equity in requiring them to foot the bill unless it is suggested that they themselves constitute the drinking fraternity.

The legislation being of social benefit to the entire population, the burden should have been distributed in the form of indirect taxation on the entire population. A sales tax on all commodities consumed in the Province as a nominal rate on necessaries (excepting the bare ones) and a higher and in certain cases prohibitive rate on articles of luxury could well have met the Finance Ministers want without in ony way disturbing to any appreciable extent the general equilibrium of public life, though our Socialists would have been loud in their denunciation, all because a thing worth annas four might have cost the consumer a pice more.

It is shocking that the Minister should permit landlord to have recourse to his tenants paying upwards of Rs. 80 a month in rent against the increased taxation and denying the same advantage to poor landlords whose rent is less. If wealthy landlords needed protection it stands to reason that poor landlords needed it all the more. The argument naturally is that tenants who can afford to pay over Rs. 80 a month are a wealthy class and they may be conceded the pleasure of paying more to their landlords. It ought to have been made a pleasure to that class to pay more to Government instead. As a matter of fact tenants who pay Rs. 80 a month in rent are more wealthy and have certainly a greater capacity to pay than the majority of the Suburban Landlords and not a negligible proportion of Bombay Landlords.

The Finance Minister presumes that every landlord is a wealthy man and so does the man in the street who has not had the misfortune of being himself a small landlord. But they ignore that there are landlords and landlords, and not all able to pay and not all are rapacious profiteering Shylocks.

The landlords may be classified in 2 broad classes.

1. Those who are landlords from a business point of view and
2. Those who are landlords from an investment point of view.

There may be rapacity in the first class but not necessarily in the second class.

There are landlords for instance who have bought or built properties, for their own use and partly with a view to let, and look upon that property as their only means of subsistence in lean years and in old age.

This is the class to which I belong, and it is the point of view of that class which I seek to present in this article. Most of the suburban landlords of whom I am one belong to that class. They have of course committed the sin of possessing something apparent to the world at large and calling it their own, and may on that account incur the wrath of those who professing to believe in the doctrine of "Thou shall not possess" seem determined to penalise them.

Now most of the suburban landlords were induced and encouraged by the former Government to people the suburbs and relieve the City of its congestion. This is all within living memory and the promises held out of cheap transport, cheap electricity and what not are still ringing in one's ears.

More than this the Congress itself by its insistence on the policy repudiating public debts, actively encouraged people to sell off Government Paper and invest in landed properties.

Most of these landlords who belong to the middle class had to borrow part of the cost of the building and many have not still been able to redeem their mortgages.

The nett return to an average Suburban landlord is not more than 4½ per cent and with this tax it will fall short of 4 per cent. The proposed property tax hits the Suburban landlord in another way and that is that he cannot now ever hope to have drainage facilities and medical and educational amenities, for the Municipalities can never think of taxing the people any more. The proposal in its present form sounds the ruin of suburbs like Vile Parle.

One familiar with Indian conditions need not be reminded that landed property is looked upon as the best form of investment from the preservation point of view and Government could with little care have realised the inhumanity of hitting all with the same stick, and provided for taxation on a graded scale exempting altogether properties of which the rateable value was below Rs. 1,000.

I do hope Government will even now wake up and do justice to the cause of poor landlords.

The Barristers whose fees run in Gold Mohurs, the share and cotton brokers whose monthly practice as some call it amount to over Rs. 5,000, the Doctors and Surgeons who charge excessive fees, the Solicitors and Pleaders, Estate and Finance Brokers and Traders can well have been roped in for part at least of the loss by way of a professional tax special preference being given to those whose profession is politics for if they do not make moneys them-

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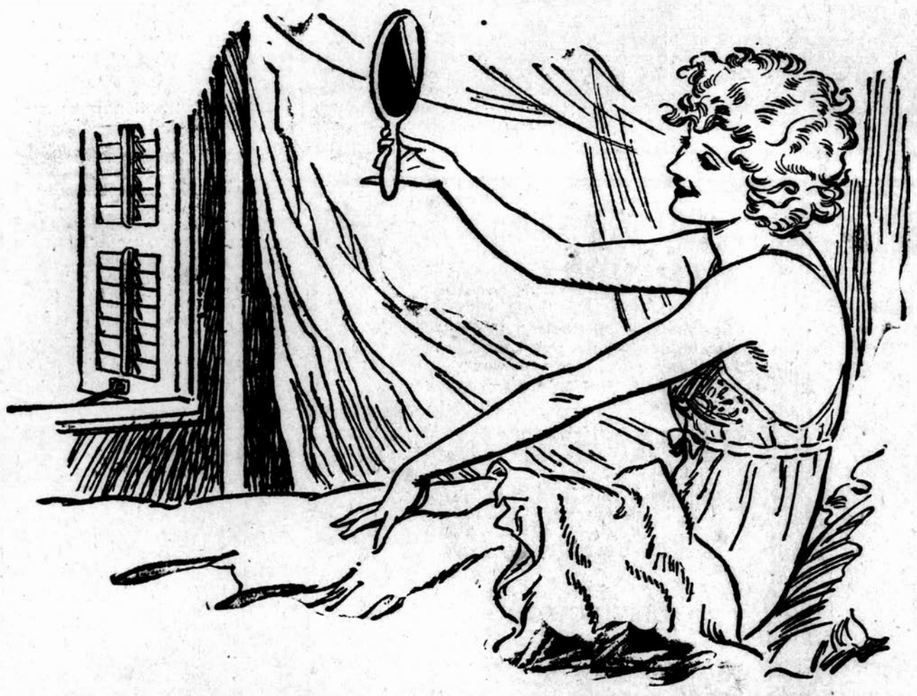

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Bombay—I Programme

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8 a.m. N. S. Patankar of Poona. 12-30 p.m. Bapu Rao Ketkar. 1 Market rates. 1-10 Bapu Rao Ketkar. 1-30 to 2 As in Delhi 1. 3-30 B. N. Bhide. 4 Ganpatbuwa Purohit. 6 Shanker Bhayya. 6-15 Miss Shanta Manerikar. 6-30 Bhailal of Amritsar. 7-30 Commercial News. 7-45 Pramila Bakhale. 8 Master Musician of Maharashtra (Hindustani). 8-15 Bhau Rao Tembe. 8-45 My Friend (Marathi) by R.B. Vaze. 9-10 News in Hindustani. 9-15 Pramila Bakhale, Violin solo. 9-30 News in English. 9-50 Pakhawaj recital, by S. Bhayya. 10-5 Master Krishna Rao Fulambrikar.

Bombay—II Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc|s)
8 to 9 a.m. and 12-30 p.m. to 2 and 3-30 to 4-30 As in Bombay 1.
61.48 metres (4,880 kc|s).
6 to 11 As in Bombay 1. 11 Epilogue.

Delhi—I Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc|s)
8 a.m. Orchestra. 8-5 Abdul Waheed Khan. 8-30 Sarod solo. 8-35 Mushtaribai of Agra. 9-10 Abdush Shakur. 9-35 Afghani Nautch Gat on Sarinda. 9-40 Mushtaribai of Agra.
12 Noon Filmland.
1 p.m. Potpourri of records. 6-10 Orchestra. 6-20 Abdush Shakur. 6-35 Mushtaribai of Agra. 6-50 Sarangi solo. 6-55 Filmi Gane. 7-15 For villagers. 8 From Parents to Offspring, 1. 8-15 Abdul Waheed Khan. 8-35 Instrumental duet. 8-40 Mushtaribai of Agra. 8-50 Abdush Shakur. 9-5 Kumari Abha Chatterjee. 9-50 Surbahar recital. 10 April Fool, by Major W. E. Maxwell. 10-15 Abdul Waheed Khan. 10-30 Abdush Shakur. 10-45 Mushtaribai of Agra.

Delhi—II Programme

31.3 metres (9,590 kc|s)
8 to 10 a.m. and 12 noon to 2 p.m. As in Delhi 1.
60.48 metres (4,960 kc|s)
6 to 6-55 As in Delhi 1. 6-55 Abdul Waheed Khan. 7-15 Kumari Aoha Chatterjee. 7-30 Israj solo. 7-35 Mushtaribai of Agra. 7-50 Abdush Shakur. 8 to 8-50 As in Delhi 1. 8-50 Abdul Waheed Khan. 9-15 to 9-50 As in Delhi 1. 9-50 V U D Trio. 10 to 10-15 As in Delhi 1. 10-15 Eileen Lute (Soprano).

Delhi—III Programme

19.62 metres (15,290 kc|s)
6 to 10 a.m. and 12 noon to 2 p.m. As in Delhi 1.
31.3 metres (9,590 kc|s)
6 to 11 As in Delhi 2.

Peshawar Programme

200 metres (1,500 kc|s)
7 p.m. With villagers. 8 to 11 As in Delhi 1.

Calcutta—I Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)
370.4 metres (810 kc|s)
12-30 p. m. Variety. 1-15 Market Rates in English. 1-17 Variety. 1-30 For You, Madam! 2-5 Selection. 5-0 Fun of First April. 6-30 Parula Chakravarti. 6-40 Mastan Gama. 7-0 Parula Chakravarti. 7-20 Abahani: Welcome Song. 8-5 Current Events (Bengali). 9-10 Vocal Variety. 9-35 Erwin Klein.

Calcutta—II Programme

31.48 metres (9,530 kc|s)
12-30 to 2-30 As in Calcutta 1.
61.98 metres (4,840 kc|s)
5-0 p.m. to 9-10 As in Calcutta 1. 9-10 Dwijen Bhattacharya. 9-30 Sushila Debi. 9-50 Binod Behari Sreechandan. 10-5 For Oriya Listeners.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc|s)
5-0 V. Chinnaswami Brothers: Nagaswaram. 6-0 A. Thanikai Ammal: Vocal. 6-30 V. Chinnaswami Brothers: Nagaswaram. 7-0 A. Thanikai Ammal: Vocal. 7-15 Chequered Shades: Happy—though married (Telugu) by Dr. K. Lakshmi Dev, M.L.A. 7-30 Plate Venkatarama Iyer: Vocal. 8-30 H. S. Madhavachar: Gotuvadyam. 9-20 Those Who Dream Dreams, by C. W. Ransome. 9-35 Seventh Heaven. 9-55 E. A. Texeira: Musical Saw. 10-10 Girls of Golden West. 11-30 Epilogue.

Madras—II Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc|s)
5-0 to 6-0 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-0 Rural Rhymes. 6-10 Radio and Raman (Tamil). 6-20 Kamba Ramayanam. 6-30 to 9-35 As in Madras 1. 9-35 Plate Venkatarama Iyer: Vocal. 10-0 H. S Madhavachar: Gotuvadyam.

Lahore—Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc|s)
6-0 p.m. Lal Muhammad. 6-10 Hasni of Patiala. 6-25 Bashir Begam. 6-40 Siraj Ahmad. 6-45 Lal Muhammad. 7-0 For Countryside. 7-45 New Punjabi Books (Punjab). 8-0 Shadi-ke-Baad (Hindustani). 8-30 Hasni of Patiala. 8-45 Bashir Begam. 9-0 Kanan Devi. 9-45 Interlude. 9-50 Gateways of Northern India, 1: Bhamo Pass: by Constance Lilian H. Geary. 10-5 Barkat Ali Khan. 10-25 Tamancha Jan. 10-40 Barkat Ali Khan. 10-50 Tamancha Jan

Lucknow—Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc|s)
6-0 p.m. Murari Mohan Misra. 6-25 Mohammad Ashraf. 6-40 Gohar Sultan. 7-0 For Children. 7-30 Records. 8-0 Informal Discussions, Sports (Hindustani). 8-15 Mohammad Ashraf. 8-25 Murari Mohan Misra. 8-45 Gohar Sultan. 9-10 Abdul Karim Khan Saheb. 9-50 Gohar Sultan. 10-5 Murari Mohan Misra. 10-25 Barkal Ali Khan. 10-35 Gohar Sultan.

B. B. C. Programme

7-30 p.m. Musical Interlude. 7-35 Troise and His Mandoliers. 7-50 Motor Racing at Donington. 8-15 Crystal Palace Band. 8-50 Variety. 9-5 Motor Racing at Donnington. 9-15 Variety. 9-30 News, Saturday Sport.

World's First Aerial Post

Sir Geoffrey Clarke's Initiative: Letters Sent To Crowned Heads Of Europe

NEW DELHI, March 25

Which country was perhaps the first to start aerial post in the world?

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The trip was made on February 18, by M. Picquet from the grounds of the Exhibition to Naini a distance of about five miles, and involved a flight over the river Jumna which is about a mile wide in that part. The flight began a little after 5-30 p.m. The plane circled twice above the starting point in the exhibition grounds and then made for Naini where it alighted 13 minutes after its departure. After depositing the first official air mails, M. Picque returned immediately to Allahabad, the whole affair taking about half an hour. The aviator signed some 40 post cards.

POSSIBILITIES SHOWN

Altogether about 6,500 letters and post cards were despatched by the service. No record exists of the exact weight of the mails carried, but the total weight must have been approximately between 200 and 300 lbs. Many letter were addressed to the crowned heads of Europe, leading members and officials of the Houses of Lords and Commons and of the Chief Aero Clubs. The mail was limited to letters under one ounce in weight and post cards and postage at the ordinary rates was charged.

Ordinary postage stamps were used but were defaced by a special obliterator prepared at the Postal Workshops, Aligarh, and bearing the legened "First Aerial Post, U.P. Exhibition, Allahabad, 1911", and a design of an aeroplane in magenta ink. In addition the postal articles were impressed with the ordinary date stamp of the Allahabad Post Office and of the post office of destination in the usual course. Only one despatch of mails was made by the aeroplane, and proving entirely successful, served to give an idea of the possibilities of air mail services.

This was the first aerial post in the world and was initiated and arranged by Mr. G. R Clerke (now Sir Geoffrey Clarke), then Postmaster-General, United Provinces and afterwards Director-General of Post and Telegraphs in India.

Nine years later another attempt was made by the Government. In January 1920 an air mail service, experimental in nature, was intrduced between Bombay and Karachi, via Rajkot, a distance of about 600 miles, on the combined initiative of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Sir George Lloyd, and Mr G. R. Clarke, then Director General of Posts and Telegraphs in India in connection with the inward and outward English mails.

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Letters, post cards and packets of printed papers and samples were allowed transmission by the service. Ordinary postage stamps were used but the postal articles were impressed at both points of their carriage by air with a special stamp, bearing the inscription "Air Post" and the figure of an aeroplane. This was additional to the ordinary postmarks of the post offices of actual posting and delivery.

A fee of eight annas an ounce or part of an ounce for articles posted in India and one shilling an ounce or part of an ounce for articles posted in the United Kingdom was levied for the air service in addition to the ordinary postage the ounce for articles intended for the inland postal service being considered as equivalent of 2½ tolas.

The service was worked by the Royal Air Force, the type of machine used being de Havilland 10.

These were the only two air mail services which functioned in India prior to February 1924 after which the development of service became rapid.

Karachi Satyagrahis, men (right) as well as women (left) seated on the footpaths leading to the Sind Secretariat to register their protest against the Ministry's refusal to ban the 'Om Mandali'.

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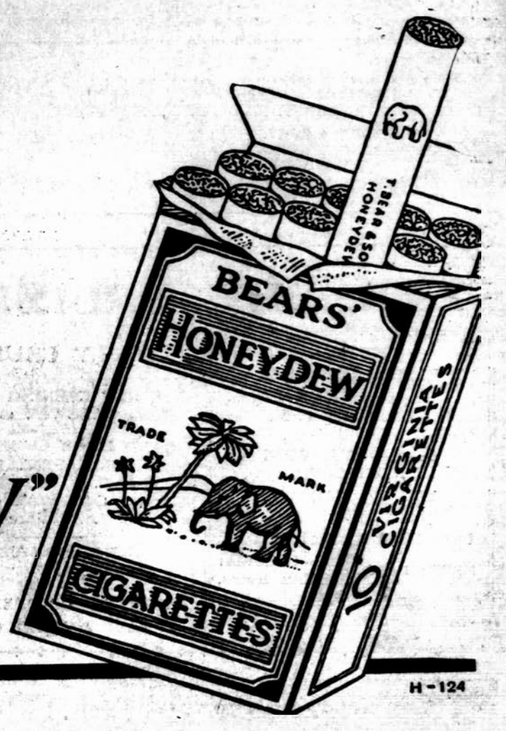

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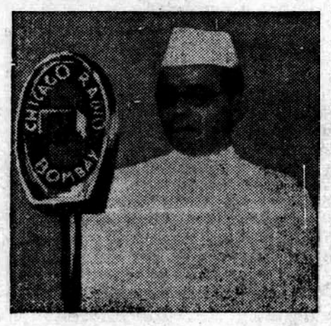

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Budget And The Small Landlords

(Continued from Page 12.)

selves, they can and do make and unmake moneys for other people.

The advertisers who do a roaring business could well have been called upon to pay.

These are all sources of provincial taxation.

The existing taxes on betting entertainment and amusement could well have been enhanced.

The Finance Minister would have earned the willing admiration of the whole Province if he could have devised ways and means of taxing gambling. With the Goa Lotteries going strong, would it not have been a good idea for the Government itself to run a monthly lottery and make money?

A capitation tax all over the province excluding only the agricultural labourer but with special preference to Bachelors of over 30 and spinsters of over 25 would have been the most fitting tax, considering the promised millenium though this might remind one of Aurangzeb.

The list can be added, but I must close.—Yours, etc.,

"A SUBURBAN LANDLORD"

"Bande Mataram" In Schools

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The Administrative officer Ahmedabad District School Board visited Viramgam when the programme as per copy attached marked A was performed to which I replied marked B.

Please therefore do the needful publish the necessary things for public information and oblige.—Yours, etc.

M. M. NARSINH.
Hon. Secretary.
District Muslim League,
Ahmedabad.

A.

CAMP FIRE PROGRAMME

(1) The establishment of fire ceremony. (2) President's election. (3) The opening ceremony of fire. (4) Fire salutation. (5) Scouts' National Song. (6) Scouts sports. (7) Cheers of joy. (8) Prayer to God. (9) Dramatic plays. (Narsinh Mehta) (Ver. High School) (10) Garba. (Krishna's Flute) (Chief Girl) (11) Peoples' Talk. (Branch No. 3/-) (12) Lanshtic. (Doctor and patient) (Ver. High School) (13) Garba. (Punjaren) (Branch Kanya) (14) Dialogue (Young Muslim Association) (Urdu School) (15) Children's rope jumping game (Branch Kanya). (16) Brahmananden Bhajan (Branch No. 6) (17) Dialogue (Charotari language) (Chief girl) (18) Ras. (The sword hangs the waist) (Branch No. 6) (19) Bhajen. (The God of universe is one) (Ver. High School) (20) Cheers of joy. (21) Short speech of the Administrative Officer. (22) National Song. (Bande-Matarem)

B.

AHMEDABAD DISTRICT MUSLIM LEAGUE.
Kalupur Chakla.
Ahmedabad, 28-1-39.

From,
MAHOMEDALI M. NARSINH, B.A., LL.B.
Hon. Secretary District Muslim League,
Kalupur Chakla, AHMEDABAD.

To,
Administrative Officer,
District School Board,
AHMEDABAD

Sir,

Re: The programme at Viramgam on visit of the Administrative Officer.

I am informed that on your recent visit to Viramgam the performances as per copy of the programme attached herewith were carried out.

The programme contains many Hindu ceremonies and notorious "Bande-Matarem" was sung.

Will you please see that such objectionable things as, items No. 4, 5, 16 and 22 should not be allowed in public schools under your very nose.

I hope you would note that such things in future may not happen.

Further, I would like to know from whence the songs reffered to in programme are taken.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
M. M. Narsinh
Honorary Secretary, Ahmedabad District Muslim League,
Ahmedabad.

C.

No. 2468 Ahmedabad, 24th January, 1939.

To,
District Muslim League,
Kalupur Chakla, Ahmedabad.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 18-1-39 I have the honour to observe as under:—

The exercise is not meant as offering Surya Namaskar under the guise of exercise.

The details of the ceremony too are not idolatrous as stated. It will be so if it were done with all necessary ceremonies and chanting of mantra as the originator has devised.

Again it is neither compulsory nor a daily exercise. However any other name can be given to that exercise if you can propose one.

I will prefer to have it called by the name of a Dand exercise or it may go without name.

Please note, I would be the last man to wound the religious feelings of any person as I have full faith in the preaching of all world prophets.

Still, however, I would like to request you to propose any name you desire for the exercise.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd./- Illegible
Administrative Officer,
District School Board,
Ahmedabad.

D.

AHMEDABAD DISTRICT MUSLIM LEAGUE
Kalupur Chakla.
Ahmedabad, 28-1-39.

From,
Mahomedali M. Narsinh, B.A., LL.B.,
Hon. Secretary District Muslim League,
Kalupur Chakla, AHMEDABAD.

To,
Administrative Officer,
District School Board,
AHMEDABAD.

Sir,

Re: Your No. 2468 of 24-1-39.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your above letter but have to note with regret that you did not send the copy of the circular though requested in my letter of 18-1-39. Please therefore send an authentic copy of the said circular at an early date and oblige.

Further looking to the instructions as to how this Surya Namaskar exercise is to be performed one cannot but say that it is nothing but idolatrous, and therefore to all appearance it would be nothing but worship of Sun, as you yourself admit that it will be idolatrous if necessary ceremonies with chanting of Mantra are performed.

You will please see that these are not private communal schools wherein even the forms of religious worship of one community can be enforced on the students of all communities even though it may confer the best of advantages moral, physical, or whatsoever and therefore it can be no excuse that it is not compulsory.

As regards giving it any other name that I may propose, then I would suggest change in the details of the exercise as follows:—

1. Those taking part in the exercise may be asked to stand erect facing the west. Then when are all in a regular line the instructer may be asked to stand ahead of them also facing the west and they may raise their hands upto their ears, then lower them down.

2. Then they may kneel down placing their palms on their knees and thus remain for five minutes.

3. Then stand erect for about two minutes.

4. Then they have to kneel down the ground in such a way that their palms, forehead, nose, knees and toes may touch the ground and remain for five minutes.

5. Then they should raise their heads along with the body from their waist and sit on the ground without changing the position of the legs on the ground and placing their palms on their knees and resting their buttocks on their heels and remain thus for five minutes.

6. Then again the position as in No. 4.

7. Then they must stand erect and after standing for about ten minutes they can repeat from No. 1.

If this exercise is followed we would not have any objection to giving it any name, and if it is objected that these are the ceremonies observed in Namaz I would refute it by saying that unless certain Arabic verses are recited along with he performances it would not amount to Namaz and you can have no objection because you have full faith in the preaching of all world prophets as you write in your letter under reply.

In fine, I would request you to give up all eyewashes and refrain from issuing such circulars for such humbugs which may injure the religious feelings of other communities.

Please, therefore, cancel this circular at once and let me know that you have done so.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
M. M. Narsinh,
Honorary Secretary,
Ahmedabad District Muslim League, Ahmedabad.
The Honorary Secretary

Gandhiji's Fast

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—On by return to town, I have read the criticisms that have appeared in the Press regarding my letter on the above subject. And I still hold that in regard to Gandhiji's fast and its sequel, the Congress has lost, and the Viceroy has won. And here are my reasons for the same:

(1) The Congress Ministries are, no doubt, working the new Constitution, but with the avowed object of wrecking the Government of India Act, of which the proposed Federation is the bedrock.

(2) If Mahatma Gandhi's object of going to Rajkot and of offering the Fast was accomplished by a reference of the Thakore-Patel dispute to the Chief Judge of the Federal Court, it could have been as well achieved by interviewing or writing to the Viceroy.

(3) For, let us not forget the two sad and salient facts, that have emerged from this recent Rajkot Fast of the great Gandhiji and its sequel:—

(a) That the fasting of India's greatest son, saint and patriot of the day could produce mighty little effect on the Hindu Ruler of Rajkot; and that even his brother Princes of Kathiawar did not move effectively to stave off that threatening calamity!

(b) And this has enabled India's enemies here and abroad to boast that the Mahatma does not now enjoy that great influence with the Princes of India, as he was credited with so far!

(4) Now, watch the foresight, tact and grace of the Viceroy. He saw, how the Ruler of Rajkot was heedless about Gandhiji's fast; and how his princely neighbours were showing coldness, under the inspiration of the Political Department of Delhi! He is fully conscious of the critical times, through which his country is just passing. He also knows, that Gandhiji has been the best policeman and the best friend of the British in India. So, he seized this capital opportunity, at the most psychological moment; offered the Olive Branch to Gandhiji; and suggested the reference of the Thakore-Patel dispute to the Chief Judge of the Federal Court! He thus secured the goodwill of the great Gandhiji; and won the encomiums of people of this country and of his own!

Thus ended the Rajkot fast! Now tell me friends, who has won—the Congress or the Viceroy? And, what is the sequel? Even the Jaipur Satyagraha is suspended by Gandhiji!

(5) Friends, let us follow the Buddhist principle, while judging the work and words even of Mahatmaji. It says: "Truth is Truth, not because our Lord has said it. But our Lord is our Lord, because he has said the Truth."

Similarly, please judge calmly, clearly and dispassionately, whether (a) Gandhiji was justified in going on fast, just on the very eve of the Tripuri Congress.

(b) Whether the way he terminated it reflected credit on the Congress, or conduced to its success.

(c) Whether he was right in not attending the historic session of the Tripuri Congress.

(d) And whether he is justified in suspending the Jaipur Satyagraha abruptly, without reference to any Congress leader, except his own Inner Voice?

With this attitude Mahatmaji, real Democracy can search progress: much less can it achieve any real measure of success. With all deference to dear old Gandhiji and with best wishes for his health and strength, let us close—Yours, etc.,

B. F. BHARUCHA.

Partial Justice

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—At long last the conscience of Government moved partially to the insistent demand based on Justice and Equity, as is evident from the announcement of their decision to reduce the property tax from ten per cent. to five per cent. only in case of those properties which were assessed at Rs. 2,000 and less in the Bombay City. This announcement omits to give much needed relief to those properties which are assessed at Rs. 1,000 and less and to those properties which belonged to Charities and whose main income goes towards giving help for education to poor and needy and for butterless bread to destitutes.

Justice and Equity demand further announcement for their exemption.

The Finance Minister has observed that from inquiries in five undisclosed wards he found that about 25 per cent. properties were mortgaged. In the absence of mention as to the source of inquiries one may infer that they were limited to the Sub-Registry. The question naturally arises as to what about the enormous number of unregistered equitable mortgages by depositing title deeds with private individuals banks and bankers? If these mortgages are taken into account it won't be an exaggeration to say that the number of the properties mortgaged will be in the vicinity of 60 per cent. Public therefore anxiously await adequate relief in cases of mortgaged properties.—Yours, etc.

Rashtrabhasha Visharad Examination

The Secretary Hindi Prachar Sabha, Bombay, writes:—

The Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras, has decided to hold the Visharad Examination once more at the Bombay Centre on 6th and 7th May. Intending candidates should send their application form with examination fees to the office of the Sabha, Adenwala Mansion, near Wilson College, Choupati, on or before 3rd April.

Bombay Finance Act For Partially Excluded Areas

A Bombay Government Gazette extraordinary published on Friday states:—

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 92 of the Government of India Act, 1935, the Governor of Bombay is hereby pleased to direct that the Bombay Finance (Amendment) Act, 1939 shall apply to partially excluded areas in the Province of Bombay.

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CONTROL OVER GINNING AND PRESSING CHARGES NEEDED

BOMBAY, Friday.

Presiding over the meeting of the Indian Central Cotton Committee this morning at Vulcan House Ballard Estate, Sir Bryce Burt, the president, after welcoming new members and congratulating Dr. Burns and Rao Bahadur Ramanathan Ayyar, said:

It is one of the functions of this Committee to keep in touch with changes in the Indian and world demand for the different types of cotton, to advise on the policy which should be followed to meet the changes in the industry and in world demand and so to plan our research programme that our recommendations may be given a practical turn. I will not attempt to repeat what I said at our last meeting on the importance of this problem.

A Special Sub-Committee has devoted two days to the consideration of the steps which should be taken and we shall proceed almost immediately to a discussion of their report.

Amongst other matters which have been before us is that of the incidence of ginning and pressing charges when cotton prices rule at their present level.

Here it is of interest to note that the report of the Pools Committee appointed by the Government of the Central Provinces and Berar states that there is a clear case for legislation for the control of ginning and pressing rates in that important cotton growing province. The views of other Provincial Governments are also contained in the papers before you.

Our Cotton Forecast Improvement Sub-Committee has considered the question of systematic crop cutting experiments, designed on randomised basis, in order to obtain a more reliable standard yield figure. In this matter we had the valuable advice of that well-known Statistician, Professor Fisher of London and Rothamsted, and the recommendations of the Sub-Committee are now before you.

Whilst the cotton press returns which the Committee was instrumental in establishing now give us annually a reliable figure for the total commercial crop our direct production estimates are still far from satisfactory.

You will also be glad to note that the Gwalior Durbar has issued a notification prohibiting the import of certain cottons into the State and declaring several districts as a protected area. This is in accordance with our recommendations and should go a long way towards stopping the importation of inferior cottons from other areas for purposes of mixing.

The Committee then discussed on several matters affecting the cotton trade and ginning and pressing charges.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION ECHO

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Court of the Chief Judge (Small Causes) of Bombay was packed, this morning, with eminent lawyers and other interested persons when the election suit filed by Mr. P. D. Shamdasani against Mr. Vasant Velinkar, a Municipal Councillor, and the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay came up for hearing.

Mr. Purshottamdas Tricumdas, Barrister-at-Law, appeared for Mr. Velinkar.

Counsel for respondent No. 1 contended that his client was a tenant and argued that his nomination was valid.

Mr. Shamdasani explained to the Court Sections 11 to 18 of the Act on which he based his contention.

Mr. P. D. Shamdasani continuing his arguments after lunch said: "I concede that the Roll of the ward in question (No. 9) is a 'de facto' Roll. It cannot be a 'de jure' Roll. The issue is whether the Roll is conclusive."

Mr. Shamdasani relied upon the decision in the Municipal election petition decided some time ago in which the then learned Chief Judge held that there was nothing in the Municipal Act which laid down that the Ward Roll as prepared by the Municipal Commissioner was conclusive. The Judge was of the opinion that the qualification of the voter was not the 'being' on the Roll, but the 'being' entitled to be on the Roll.

Mr. Shamdasani then called Mr. D. S. Samant, Deputy Assessor to the Municipal Commissioner, as a witness, to prove the foundation of the electoral Roll.

"IRRELEVANT."

The first Respondent's Counsel Mr. Tricumdas objected to the witness being examined, saying that Mr. Samant's evidence would be irrelevant, as he had nothing to do with the electoral Roll.

Mr. Shamdasani pleaded that the foundation of the Roll was the Assessment Book.

Mr. Tricumdas objected saying "We are only discussing the preliminary issues and the question of leading evidence does not arise."

The Judge upholding the contention observed "The only question before me is whether the name of the voter appeared upon the electoral Roll or not."

Upon this the second Respondent's Counsel Mr. Blair submitted for the inspection of the Court, a printed copy of the electoral Roll of Ward 9, in which the name of Respondent No. 1 appeared on page 80 along with his number 8805.

The learned Judge, however, wanted something authentic and ordered that the original authoritative and authentic copy of the electoral Roll of Ward 9 signed by the Municipal Commissioner should be produced for examination.

Mr. Tricumdas undertook to furnish the required document at the next hearing which is fixed for Monday the 3rd April.

PUNJAB BUDGET ESTIMATES PASSED

LAHORE, March 30.

The budget estimates for the year 1939/40 as presented by the Finance Minister were passed today by the Punjab Assembly after ten days of debate on different heads.

The discussion on the land revenue demand which was moved yesterday was continued throughout to-day and the guillotine was applied at 5 p.m. after which the rest of the demands numbering thirty-one were passed.

The Opposition claimed divisions on the demands in respect of police and excise which were passed by 91 votes to 34 and 89 to 42 respectively.—A. P.

EVILS OF DRINK

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Fall In Death Rate In Province

RESPIRATORY DISEASES TAKE HIGHEST TOLL

There was a slight decrease in the death rate of the Province 27.50 per mille in 1937 as against 27.73 in 1936 says the Director of Public Health in his report for 1937. As compared with the preceding three years there was a noticeable decline in the Provincial death rate; however it did not reach the low level of the healthy year 1932 when the rate recorded was 24.72. During 1937 the death rate calculated on estimated population was 25.44 against 25.96 in 1936.

Other features of the year were an excess of births over deaths of 236,268, a decrease in the infant mortality rate from 166.08 to 160.74 and a decrease in the infant deaths per 100 of total deaths from 24.79 to 23.77.

The three omnibus headings, i.e. "Fevers," "Respiratory Diseases" and "Other Causes" accounted for 90 per cent. of the total mortality. The disquieting factor is the increase of deaths due to respiratory diseases.

HOW T. B. SPREADS.

Tuberculosis was most prevalent in Thana, Kolaba and Ratnagiri districts from which the bulk of the labour for Bombay city used to be drawn but now it is not uncommon to come across cases of tuberculosis of Bombay origin in the villages of the distant districts where it goes under the name of "Bombay fever." Similarly tuberculosis is also spreading to the rural areas from the industrial towns in Gujarat.

LOW STANDARD OF LIVING.

If the question "Why is the health of the Province so poor" has to be answered in one sentence, the reply would be "The standard of living of the masses is very low." A scrutiny of the causes of deaths would show that the epidemics account for only a small portion of the total deaths and "respiratory diseases" and "fevers "claim more than half the deaths. In other words, the causes of deaths are more constitutional than accidental.

THE CONTRAST.

Births and Deaths.—The European population accoring to the census of 1931 was 18,028. In 1937 the number of births recorded was 229 against 254 in the previous year, giving a ratio of 12.70 per mille of population against 14.09 in 1936. There were 124 deaths equal to a death rate of 6.88 as compared with 132 and 7.32 respectively in 1936.

The Anglo-Indian population according to the census of 1931 is 14,176. The number of births registered was 217 against 230 in 1936. The birth rate per mille of population for the year under report was 15.31 as compared with 16.22 in the previous year. There were 144 deaths as compared with 143 in 1936, the death rate being 10.16 gainst 10.09 in the preceding year.

Among the civil Indian population of 17,932,368 according to the 1931 census 729,476 births were registered showing a decrease of 12,855 over the figures for 1936. The birth rate for the year for the Province was 40.68 against 41.40 in the previous year. The birth rate on the estimated population for the year worked out to 37.63. The proportion of male to female births was 106.62 to 100. Still-births numbered 12,050 as against 12,515 in the previous year.

The year under report showed a decrease in the recorded deaths as compared with the previous year. The total number of deaths registered was 493,208 in 1937, 497,278 in 1936 the quinquennial average being 488,643. The proportion of male to female deaths was 105.26 to 100. The recorded death rate for the Province worked out to 27.50 per mille; it was 27.73 in 1936, the quinquennial mean being 27.25. The death rate, calculated on the estimated population for the year was 25.44.

IN BOMBAY CITY.

In Bombay City the birth and death rates were 30.29 and 26.33.

In the Province the male and female death rates among Hindus were 28.33 and 28.61, among Muhammadans 23.76 and 26.89, among Parsis 15.02 and 13.42 among Christians 14.59 and 16.06 and among Jains 17.35 and 19.65. The Provincial infant mortality rate was 160.74 against 166.08 in 1936. Deaths due to child birth numbered 3,093 against 3,203 in 1936. The maternal mortality rate per 1,000 registered births including still births worked out to 4.17 against 4.24 in 1936.

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

Deaths among all Indians totalled 493,208, cholera being responsible for 10,992, small-pox for 1,810, plague for 506, fevers for 164,130, dysentery and diarrhoea for 28,094, respiratory diseases for 111,487, injuries for 7,065 and all other causes for 169,124 deaths.

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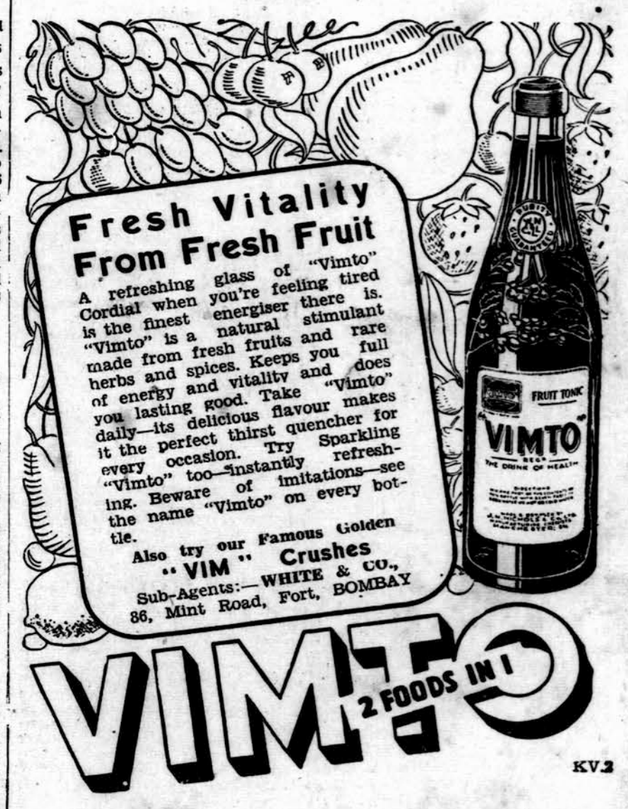
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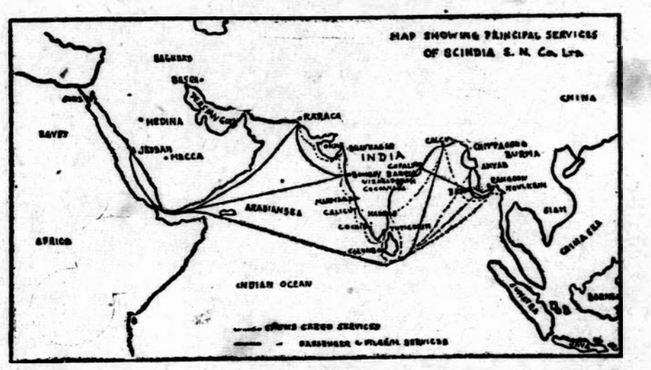

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YARN TRADERS NERVOUS

Slightly Better Enquiry

Bombay, March 28.

Nervousness amongst all principal markets in India reported in our last as a result of political developments in Europe has not yet abated probably due to the continued uncertainty regarding the outlook in the near future. Prices have therefore fluctuated heavily in almost all these markets with an uncertain tendency at the close. As regards yarn market, on the whole, prices have remained more or less unchanged after fluctuations either way. In case of Indian yarns there have been slightly better enquiries in the local market during the week but the rates offered are much too low and dealers have been put to heavy losses in their holdings most of which have been purchased at higher prices. As regards foreign yarns offtake continues to remain very limited inspite of their very low and attractive prices. Stocks of all kinds of yarns in the local market have been steadily increasing and no material improvement in demand from consuming centres is yet in evidence. Export markets are still quiet with very little business doing. It is further reported that upcountry mills have made sales of their yarns at reduced prices in order to capture their markets and naturally it is becoming increasingly difficult for Bombay mills to compete in price chiefly due to high railway freights. Cloth markets do not report any improvement as yet. On the other hand stocks of cloth are reported to have been increasing. Calcutta reports very dull market. Prices in Southern India are nominally steady but rumours of reduction in prices by some mills are current in the local market. As regards Northern markets sales are possible at lower prices and most of them are captured by upcountry mills. On the whole the future tendency of the market is yet uncertain and whilst much more will depend upon the course of the cotton prices in the next few days, no material improvement in prices is expected in the near future.

ENGLISH YARNS.

There is nothing special to report in this class of yarns. The Indo-British Trade Agreement which has been recently published by the Government of India does not propose any change in Import duty on Manchester yarns. In such circumstances there is hardly any possibility of satisfactory business in these yarns owing to continued low prices of Indian and Japanese yarns of similar qualities.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS.

Prices in the local market have ruled irregular during the week. Whereas Shanghai mills have been quoting much higher prices for forward shipments, Japanese mills have been quoting irregular prices although no important forward business has been booked during the week. In case of single, two-fold, grey and bleaching yarns demand continues to be very slack. As regards Mercerised yarns speculative turnover is very restricted probably due to uncertainty regarding ths future tendency. Reports from consuming districts are not yet satisfactory and this is very surprising in view of the present very low level of prices. Exchange has remained steady whereas Sampin have not been quoted for long time.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS

Syndicate prices have remained unchanged during the week. There has been satisfactory demand from consuming centres for low grade yarns from handloom weavers and some substantial sales of Italian yarns for forward deliveries have been reported during the week. As regards superior qualities mills have been buying very limited quantities owing to large stocks of both Italian and Japanese yarns lying with them awaiting consumption. Japanese mills are reported to have reduced their quotations to some extent but owing to uncertain outlook only a limited forward business has been possible. The future tendency continues to remain uncertain.

INDIAN YARNS.

Some recent improvement in cotton prices has stimulated enquiries in 10 1/2s and 20 1/2s on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., and prices are reported to have improved to the extent of Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per bale. Turnover has been showing distinct signs of improvement with a better unrectone at the close. The future outlook is uncertain.

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Bombay, March 31.

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Cottonseed	8,300 cwts.
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Joowar	3,187 cwts.
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Barley	446 cwts.
Bajree	811 cwts.

Anniversary Of 'Insaf'

Friends and well-wishers of "Insaf," formerly a weekly and now a daily and weekly Gujarati Muslim journal, celebrated the 20th anniversary of the paper last night when a public meeting was held in which leading Muslims of Bombay paid tributes to its services.

Effigy of the "Demon of Drink" which was publicly burnt at the Prohibition Demonstration held at Dadar on Friday evening.

RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

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Madras Mail	6 00	22 10
Peshawar Lucknow (Exp.)	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	7 51	17 40
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 15	20 45
Madras Express	10 15	15 00
Poona Mail	10 30	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 40	18 45
Nagpur Express	14 5	21 25
Poona Fast (Pass.)	16 50	11 50
Poona Express	19 32	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 25	7 00
*Deccan Queen	10 35 Mon.	17 15 Fri.

*Will not run until after end of April 1939, except before and after important holidays.

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Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 50
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15 (Mon	21 15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 48	15 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER

	Arr.
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Bombay (Juhu)—London

Planes call at Ahmedabad, Bhuj and Karachi.

Latest hours of posting at the G.P.O.:—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7-30 a.m. Departures from Juhu 10-15 a.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Colombo

Planes call at Hyderabad, Madras and Trichinopoly.

Latest hours of posting at the G.P.O.:—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11-30 a.m.

Departure from Juhu:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7-45 a.m.

Arrivals:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6-15 p.m.

Bombay—Trivandrum—Trichinopoly

Planes call at Goa, Cannanore and Trivandrum.

Departures from Juhu: Monday 8 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Wesdnesday, 3-15 p.m.

Bombay—Poona—Kolhapur

Departures from Juhu: Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 7-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu:—Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departures from Juhu: Monday a Thursday and Saturday at 12 noon.

Departure from Juhu 1-30 p.m.

Colombo—Bombay (Juhu)

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 9-45 a.m. Delivery: Sunday 12-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Singapore and Australia

Latest hour of posting:—Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Australia—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday, Wesdnesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m

Bombay (via Calcutta)—Hongkong China and Japan

Latest hour of posting: Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

Hongkong—Bombay (via Calcutta)

Delivery: Tuesday and Saturday 1 p.m.

Bombay (Juhu)—Delhi

Planes call at Indore, Bhopal and Gwalior.

Departures from Juhu: Monday and Thursday, 6-30 a.m.

Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday and Tuesday 1-55 p.m.

Bombay—Kathiawar

Planes call at Bhavnagar, Rajkot Jamnagar and Porebunder.

EDUCATION FOR HARIJAN CHILDREN

Ahmedabad District School Board's Resolution

AHMEDABAD, March 31.

The School Board of the Ahmedabad District Local Board has passed a resolution giving notice to 10 schools of the District, warning them that they would be closed if they did not admit Harijan children.

The Secretary of the Gujarat Harijan Sevak Sangh on receiving complaints that several village schools did not admit Harijan children, submitted a report of about ten such schools whereupon the school board passed the above resolution.—A.P.

KISAN CONFERENCE IN INDORE

Demand For Responsible Govt.

INDORE, March 27.

At the Barnagar Kisan Conference resolutions for responsible Government, equal social and economic and political rights, compulsory primary education, reduction of land revenue by 50 per cent, appointment of Debt Cancellation Boards, enhanced powers for local boards, improvement of schools, roads, hospitals, abolition of the customs-tax on agricultural products ending of the separate administration of small jagirdars, zemindars, were passed. Mr. Gokhale of Ujjain presided and Mr. Kamalashanker Pandya Secretary of the Gujerat Congress Socialist Party, inaugurated the Conference, which was attended by about 5,000 Kisans of the Gwalior State.

The Conference was the first of its kind in the Gwalior State. Mr. Kanaiyalal Vaidya of the Working Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference appealed to the peasants to stand united and demand responsible Government from the Maharaja. The princely order must change according to times. The Congress leaders, Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru have advised the princes to redress the grievances of their subjects and the Paramount Power also enjoins the Princes to satisfy the just demands of their subjects. If the Princes do not satisfy the demands of the people, there will be serious consequences.

Insurance Act

NEW DELHI, March 31.

It is announced that the Insurance Act will come into force on July, 1, 1939.—A.P.

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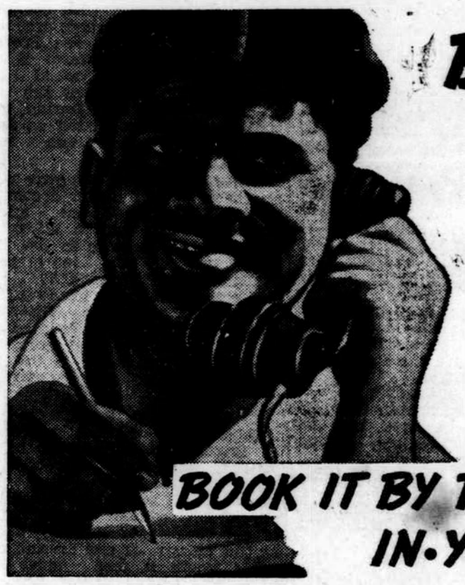

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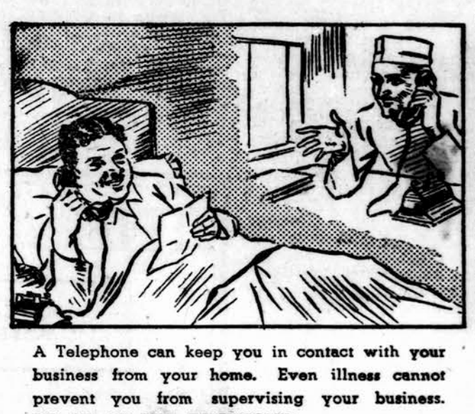

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THE SAFE ANTISEPTIC

Trade And Finance

Renewed Weakness In Securities On European Crisis

SHARP BREAK IN SHARE PRICES

Bullion Market Quietly Steady

WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, March 31.

MONEY

Early in the week, demand for day-to-day funds was slack in comparison with last week, call funds being available at 1-1|2 per cent but towards the close owing to the withdrawal of some funds by public bodies in order to close their fiscal year-end accounts, the rate hardened to 2-1.4 per cent.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India dated 24th March 1939 reveals an increase of Rs. 34.96 lacs in the item of "Investments" and Advances are also up by Rs. 69.33 lacs. The Bank's cash balances are down by Rs. 97.36 lacs.

Government were able to borrow three months' money against Treasury Bills at Rs. 2-5-3 per cent. per annum as compared to Rs. 2-5-10 per cent. in the preceding week. Total offerings were larger at Rs. 2.40 crores, of which Rs. 1 1|2 crores were accepted. A similar amount is on offer for tender next week. Fixed deposit rates were unchanged at 2 per cent. for three months and 1-3|4 per cent. for six months.

GILT-EDGED

Gilt-edged market continued to be dominated by news regarding European politics. 3-1|2 per cent, Rupee Paper after opening steady at Rs. 95-8, gradually declined and closed easier at Rs. 94-8, while 3-1 2 per cent. India Sterling Stock likewise dropped from £83 to £81 1|2 at the close. There were more sellers than buyers in other scrips and prices were generally lower. 2-3|4 per cent. 1948-52 loan declined from Rs. 98-11 to Rs. 98-5 at the close while 3 per cent. 1941 bonds were neglected at Rs. 101-11 and 3 per cent 1951-54 loan at Rs. 100-2. 3-1|2 per cent 1947-50 loan ruled weak at Rs. 104, 4 per cent 1943 loan at Rs. 107-4 and 4 per cent 1960-70. loan at 109-10. 4-1.2 per cent 1955-60 loan was quoted at Rs. 115-4. 5 per cent. 1939-44 loan at Rs. 100-12 and 5 per cent 1940-43 loan at Rs. 104-5. 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan closed at Rs. 113-14 and 3 per cent. 1963-65 new loan at Rs. 97-2.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was quiet during the period under report, the turnover being very restricted Sellers of spot T.T. quoted 1s.-5-15|16d, with buyers at 1s. 5-31|32d. Some business in connection with export of gold was reported, but the showing of merchandise export bills continues very small.

Among the foreign exchanges in London, sterling was steadier in terms of the dollar during the first half of the week, but towards the close renewed nervousness about the political situation in Europe resulted in dollars being bid mainly on continental account and the British control had to intervene and peg the rate at 468-3|16 cents. The sterling dollar rate opened at 468.37 cents and after touching 468.48 cents, closed at 468.26 cents. The premium on three months' forward dollars widened from 1.87 cents to 2.31 cents. The sterling|franc rate moved between frs. 176.84 and frs. 176.76, whereas the discount on three months' forward francs narrowed from frs. 0.460 to frs. 0.140 at the finish. The guilder moved between 8.82-1|2 and 8.81-9|16 for spot, while the premium on three months' forward guilders narrowed from 1.87 cents to 1.50 cents. The belga fluctuated between 27.84-3|4 and 27.82-1|4 and the lira between 89.07 and 89.02. The Shanghai dollar and the yen were almost static around 8d. and 1s. 2d. all the week through.

GOLD

Spot gold opened unchanged around the previous close of Rs. 36-15-9 and after touching Rs. 36-15-6 on Saturday, advanced and closed at Rs. 37-0-3. April settlement gold was quoted at six pies over spot and the contango between April and May settlements was also half an anna. Some business for prompt shipment was booked during the week. Purchases by the Reserve Bank of India are estimated by the market at ..... ounces. In London, the price of the metal opened at 148s. 5d. and after keeping stationary at this level during the first half of the week, advanced and closed at 148s. 6-1/2d. The premium over the dollar arbitrage parity varied between nothing and half a penny. Sovereigns continued to be neglected, the quotation remaining almost unchanged around Rs. 23-10-3 per piece both for spot and forward delivery. Stocks of gold are estimated at about 50,000 tolas, arrivals from upcountry at 15,000 tolas a day and the daily offtake at 1,500 tolas. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 75,281 in gold bullion and coin, whilst last week's shipment to London per s.s. "Maloja" is valued at Rs. 77,17,904. The highest and the lowest rates recorded during the week were: Rs. 37-0-3 and Rs. 36-15-6 for spot, Rs. 37-0-6 and Rs. 36-15-9 for April settlement and Rs. 37-1-0 and Rs. 37-0-3 for May settlement.

SILVER

There was a comparative lull in the local silver market during the period under report and prices showed a downward trend. Opening at Rs. 52-8, spot silver touched Rs. 52-9-6, then declined to Rs. 52-5-6 and finally closed at Rs. 52-7-0. April settlement silver was quoted at one anna and May settlement at three annas under spot. In London, the price of spot silver was pegged around 20d. until Monday when the quotation dropped by 1/16d. to 19-16/16d. and closed lower at 10-7/8d. The discount on two months' forward delivery narrowed from 5/16d. at the opening to 1/4d. on Wednesday, and closed unchanged. Stocks of silver are estimated at about 1,250 bars, while the offtake works out to 25 bars a day. 316 bars of silver were imported during the week, whilst, silver coins valued at Rs. 26,233 were also imported. Silver worth £31,800 is 'en route' to Bombay. The highest and lowest rates recorded during the week were: Rs. 52-9-6 and Rs. 52-5-6 for spot, Rs. 52-8 and Rs. 52-4-6 for April settlement and Rs. 52-7 and Rs. 52-3 for May settlement.

CALCUTTA

The price of hessians for forward delivery showed a steady improvement from Rs. 9 at the opening to Rs. 9-3-6 at the finish, whilst jute shares continued dull with prices generally tending downward.

SHARES

European politics was the dominant factor in determining the trend of prices on the local stock exchange. At the opening, the situation seemed to have quietened down a little and prices improved in all sections. Tata Iron and Steel Ordinaries advanced from Rs. 245 to Rs. 254-8, while Deferreds gained from Rs. 1,135 to Rs. 1,172-8. Towards the close, however, the atmosphere was far from satisfactory and there was a sharp break in quotations, Ordinaries declining to Rs. 240 and Deferreds to Rs. 1,092-8, closing somewhat better at Rs. 242 and Rs. 1,105 respectively. Prices in the Textile group declined alround; Bombay Dyeings dropped from Rs. 836-4 to Rs. 817-8, Centuries from Rs. 230 to Rs. 222 and Central Indias from Rs. 215-8 to Rs. 211. Colaba Lands moved narrowly between Rs. 109 and Rs. 111, whilst Gokaks moved down from Rs. 131 to Rs. 126 at the finish, Kohinoors from Rs. 226 to Rs. 218 and New Greats from Rs. 204 to Rs. 192-8. Hydro-electrics were easier in sympathy with gilt-edged; Andhra Valleys were quoted at 1370xd and Tata Powers at Rs. 1,227-8xd. Bombay Trams, on the other hand, were fairly steady around Rs. 127 throughout, whilst Tata Hydros closed lower at Rs. 145-8. Bank shares were quietly steady; Bank of Indias closed steady at Rs. 135-8 and Central Banks at Rs. 31-5. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were done at Rs. 1,507-8 and Partly Paids at Rs. 365-10, whilst Reserve Banks found sellers at Rs. 109-12. In the miscellaneous bloc, Belapurs declined by three points to Rs. 171 at the close following a reduction in import duty of eight annas from Rs. 7-4 per cwt. to Rs. 6-12 with effect from 1st April 1939. Bombay Burmas steadily lost ground from Rs. 433-8 to Rs. 418 and Associated Cements from Rs. 113-8 to Rs. 112, Scindia Steams, after an initial rise to Rs. 18-7 mid-week, closed weak at Rs. 18, whereas New Indias were maintained around Rs. 35-2.

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

Broach A/M New York May Rs. 39 1/2 Liverpool May Rs. 47

Broach J/A New York July Rs. 35. Liverpool July Rs. 41

New York Liverpool: May 92 July 86 October 106 December 106 January 107

WALL STREET MARKET

New York, March 30

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
American Water Works Common	10
American Power and Light Common	5
American Power and Light 5 per cent Pfd A	36
American Foreign Power Common	3
American Foreign Power Gold D 5 per cent	58
American Foreign Power 7 per cent Pfd	16
Electric Power and Light 7 p.c. Pfd	29
Electric Bond Common	9
Electric Bond 5 per cent Pfd	58
Columbia Gas and Electric	6
United Corporation	3
Int Tel and Tel (Foreign)	8
Int Tel and Tel 4 1/2 per cent 1952	65
Amr Tel and Tel	156 1/2
Sun Life of Canada	415
Western Union Telg	19 3/4
Chesapeake and Ohio	32
Great Northern Pfd	22
New York Central	16
Union Pacific	95
Firestone Rubber	21
Firestone Rubber 6 per cent Pfd	103
Texas Corporation	40
Amrex Corporation	23 1/8
American Tobacco 'B'	84
Union Carbon and Carbide	75 1/8
Liggett Meyers 'B'	105
Alaska Juneau	9
Gillette Safety Razor 5 per cent pfd	53
Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 per cent pfd	71
4 per cent Delaware and Hudson 1943	63
3 1/4 per cent Amr Tel and Tel Deb 1961	108
4 1/2 per cent Argentine Republic 1961	86
United States Steel	52 1/8
United States Steel Pref	115 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	62
Bethlehem Steel 7 per cent Pfd	110
Crucible Steel	32
Ludlum Steel	19
National Steel	68
Republic Steel	17
Pittsburgh Screw and Bolt	6
United States Smelting	54
Anaconda Copper Mining	25 1/4
Int Nickel of Canada	47 1/2
Chrysler Motors	71
General Motors	43 1/4
General Electric	36 1/2
Boeing Airplane	23
American Radiator	13
Allis Chalmers	37
Curtiss Wright	6
Lockheed	28
Eaton Manufacturing	22
Brooklyn Manhattan Transit	9
Consolidated Oil	8 1/8
Imperial Oil of Canada	16
Phillips Petroleum	36
Socony	12 1/8
Chase National Bank	30 3/4
National City Bank	23 1/2
Guaranty Trust	229
National Diary	15
3 1/2 per cent Chesapeake and Ohio 1996	99
Cons Mining and S of Canada	50

Turnover 1,000,000 shares. Market declined sharply on stoploss orders due to rumours of unfavourable news about polish situation. Dow Jones industrial average 136. Brokers loans down 33 million dollars. Carloadings up 10894 units. In 1938 Glenn Martin earned dol 2.15; Air reduction dol 1.47; Stone and Webster 36 cts; Niagara Hudson Power 50 cts.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, March 30

Broach A/M opening 153 3/4 highest 155 lowest 153 1/2 closing 153 1/2

Broach J/A opening 154 1/8 highest 155 1/8 lowest 153 5/8 closing 153 5/8

Oomra May opening 141 1/4 highest 141 1/4 lowest 140 3/4 closing 140 3/4

Oomra July opening 141 3/4 highest 141 3/4 lowest 141 1/8 closing 141 1/8

Bengal May opening 115 3/4 highest 116 1/4 lowest 115 3/8 closing 115 3/8

Bengal July opening 116 highest 116 3/4 lowest 115 3/4 closing 115 3/4

Night session: Broach J/A opening 153 3/4 highest 154 lowest 153 1/2 closing 153 5/8. Broach A/M closing 153 1/2.

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool, March 30

GIZA 2—	
Spot	6.81+4
March	6.64+2
May	6.67+2
July	6.72+2
October	6.76+2
November	6.76+2
January	6.76+2
UPPERS—	
Spot	5.80+4
March	5.61—3
May	5.62—3
July	5.66—3
October	5.65+4
November	5.63—0
January	5.65—0

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, March 30

SAKELS—	
May	11.98+23
July	11.96+16
November	12.23+18
ASHMOUNI—	
April	9.50—0
June	9.61+1
August	9.63+3
October	9.63+8
December	9.67+12
GIZA—	
May	11.65+5
July	11.78+8
November	11.87+12
January	11.92+12

American Cotton Figures

F.P. Bales	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 30-3-39	3530000	7309000
Receipts Yesterday 30-3-39	2000	7000
Exports to date 30-3-39	2932000	4887000
Stock at Ports 24-3-39	2340000	3044000
Stock at Interior Towns 24-3-39	2983000	2428000
Stock at Liverpool 24-3-39	961000	1203000
Visible Supply 24-3-39	6359000	7228000
Quantity in sight 24-3-39	8289000	12526000
Quantity out of sight 24-3-39	7580000	8158000

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON FOUR POINTS UP

Calm Reception To Premier's Statement In Commons

NARROW MOVEMENTS IN EXCHANGES

BOMBAY, March 31.

NEW YORK COTTON.
Liverpool market was disturbed by European situation and hence New York opened unchanged. Longs are nervous and Wall Street is the chief factor to influence operators. Scattered liquidation, Bombay and hedge selling met with poor demand.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
Firm tendency was noticed but business was restricted. The Prime Minister's statement was received calmly. Oils and Internationals are steadier. Gilt-edged securities are better.

LONDON EXCHANGES.
Movements were narrow owing to European tension.
The dullness of dollar had depressing effect on Franc.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

JULY 1939

New York, March 31.

Previous closing	7.85
To-day's opening	7.85
Difference	nil
To-day's closing	7.89
Difference	+.04

LIVERPOOL COTTON

JULY 1939

Liverpool, March 31.

Previous closing	4.48
To-day's opening	4.47
Difference	—.01
To-day's closing	4.41
Difference	—.07

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1939	Rs. 153-8
July August	Rs. 153-8

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, March 31.

New York cotton opened unchanged with July position at 7.85, though the market was expected to open about six points lower in sympathy with Liverpool which is disturbed by European developments. Longs are nervous and action of Wall Street is likely to influence operators. The scattered liquidation, Bombay selling and hedging by outsiders met with poor demand. The much increased anxiety owing to European developments is the chief influence. July improved to 8.86 at noon.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay, March 31.

Locally, Broach July/Aug. opened at Rs. 151-10. The price later improved to Rs. 152-10, but closed a shade lower at Rs. 152-8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 31.

May	(8.12/8.12) 8.06/8.06
July	(7.93/7.93) 7.86/7.85
October	(7.66/7.65) 7.55/7.55

LIVERPOOL COTTON

London, March 31.

American May	4.55
American July	4.41
Egyptian May	6.55
Egyptian July	6.61

LONDON COMMODITIES

TEAS

London, March 31.

Indian Pekoe	(0.10 3/4) 0.10 3/4
Indian Pekoe	higher (1-5 1/4) 1-5 1/4
Ceylon Pekoe	(1-1) 1-1
Ceylon Pekoe	higher (1-7 3/4) 1-7 3/4

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop March April (£24 1/2 paid and value) £24 3/4 sellers
Dunlop April (£29) £29
Lightning April (£26) £26

RUBBER

Spot (8 1/16 paid and sellers) 7 15/16 buyers
Forward April June (8 1/8 paid and sellers) 8 paid and value

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay March April (£10 1/2 sellers) £10 1/2 sellers
Linseed La Plata March (£12 9/16 sellers) £12 5/8 sellers
Linseed La Plata March (£11 1/8 sellers) £11 3/16
Groundnuts Coromandal April (£10 3/8) £10 3/8 sellers

METALS

Tin (£215 3/4 buyers £216 sellers. Quiet) £215 buyers £215 1/4 sellers. Barely steady.
Lead (£14 1/2 buyers £14 9/16 sellers. Barely steady) £14 5/16 buyers £14 3/8 sellers.
Electrolytic Copper (£48 1/2 to £49 -1/2) £48 1/2 to £49 1/2
Iron (102) 102

WOOL SALES

Competition keen for good wools. Demand less keen for inferiors. Home-Trade chief buyers.
Inferior to superior
Lower (0-6) 0-8
Higher (1-3 1/2) 1-2 1/4
Scoured.
Inferior to superior
Lower (1-1) 1-0 1/2
Higher (2-6) 1-8 3/4

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Closing Quotations

Liverpool, March 31.

The closing rate of March was 52

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 31.

Previous closing	4.68 3/16
To-day's opening	4.68 1/8
At the time of New York cotton closing	4.68

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 31.

Previous closing	4.68.26
To-day's opening	4.68.12
To-day's closing	4.68.13

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, March 31.

Previous closing	176.76
To-day's opening	176.78
To-day's closing	176.76

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 31.

The sterling dollar opened steady 468.12, fluctuations were rather narrow considering the European situation.
The rate advanced to 468.13 at noon.
Franc opened 176.78 but declined to 176.73 on profit-taking. Dullness of dollar had depressing influence over Franc.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 31/32 sellers) 1-5 31/32 sellers
Paris on Bombay (13.220) 13.216
New York on Bombay (35.04) 35.05
Berlin on Bombay (87 1/4) 87 1/4
London on Milan (89.02) 89.02
London on Shanghai (0-8 1/4 nominal) 0-8 1/4 nominal
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (Nil) Nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Gold (£7-8-6 1/2) £7-8-6 1/2
Silver (19 7/8d.) 19 15/16d.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (3/4 to 13/16 per cent) 7/8 to 15/16 per cent.
4 months (7/8 to 15/16 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 3/8 to 1 1/2 per cent

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, March 31.

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay tonight:—
"Little Indian buying. Speculators selling. Market quietly steady.

LONDON SILVER

London, March 31.

Spot	(19 7/8d) 19 15/16d+1/16
Forward	(19 5/8d) 19 11/16d+1/16

LONDON GOLD

London, March 31.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-8-6 1/2) £7-8-6 1/2

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotation

SILVER

Bombay, March 31.

Silver ready	52 10 6
Silver Chaitar	52 8 6
Silver Vaishakh	52 6 6

GOLD

Gold ready	37 0 3
Gold Chaitar	37 0 9
Gold Vaishakh	37 1 3
Sovereign	23 10 6

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, March 31.

Wheat May	3 5 0
Wheat September	3 5 6
Linseed May	5 3 6
Linseed September	5 6 0

Liverpool Wheat

Liverpool, March 31.

Liverpool wheat opened firm in response to steady overnight foreign cables. May option opened at 53d and advanced to 53 3/8d owing to the continued political tension.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, March 31.

Chicago wheat opened steady with May option at 68 1/8 but receded to 67 7/8 on speculative selling. Hedge buying by mills against flour consumption was sufficient to absorb moderate liquidation with further precipitation in South West. Less favourable political news prompted buying and covering. The market reflected the indisposition to await further unfolding of events.

3½% GOVT. LOAN

Latest Quotations

Bombay, March 31.

3 1/2 per cent Government Paper was quoted at Rs. 93/6 at 5 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, March 31.

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £81

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Wednesday, March 22, £82 1/2
Thursday, March 23, £82 1/2
Friday, March 24, £83
Monday, March 27, £83
Tuesday, March 28, £82
Wednesday, March 29, £82
Thursday, March 30, £81 1/2

INDIAN LOANS

London, March 31. 3-30 p.m.

3 per cent Indian (£94 1/2) £94 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£81 1/2) £81
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£107 1/2) £107 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£110 1/4) £111 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-53 (£103 1/2) £103 1/4
5 per cent 1942-47 (£106 1/2) £106 1/4
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£98 1/2) £98 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945-55 (£102 1/4) £102

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£67 5/8) £67 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£94 3/8) £93 7/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 3/4) £102 3/4
5 per cent Funding Loan (£105 1/2) £105 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£95 1/2) £95 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 1/2) £105 1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 31.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan opened unchanged at £81 1/2 but declined to £80 7/8 on nervous liquidation owing to disturbing political situation. Operators are adopting waiting attitude watching further developments in Europe.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (16-1 1/2) 16-9
Motors and Spencer Ordinary (57-4 1/2) 54-3
Hydro Electric (dol 4) dol 4
Elec Music Industry (11-6) 11-3
Princhin Johnson (23-0) 23-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical (29-10 1/2) 29-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (59-10 1/2) 59-6
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£22 1/2) £21 3/4
Dunlop Rubber (26-0) 26-3
Unilever Ordinary (34-3) 34-4 1/2
Ford Motors (19-9) 19-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£40 3/4) £40 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (95-7 1/2) 96-3
Carreas 'A' (£6 1/8) £6 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (130-7 1/2) 130-7 1/2
P and O. S. N. Company Deferred (22-1 1/2) 22
Distillers (90) 89-6
British Dyers (4-3) 4-1 1/2
British Celanese (3-9) 3-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (35-0) 34-6
Courtauld Ordinary (25-0) 25-3
Fine Cotton Spinners (3-4 1/2) 3-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-0) 20-9
Inter Nickels (dol 52 1/4) dol 51 5/8
Indian Irons (41-3) 41-3

TEA SHARES

Assam (16-3) 16-0
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (20-9) 20-9

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£10 3/4) £10 3/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-1 1/2) 23-9
Gula Kelampong (18-9) 18-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (27-1 1/2) 27-0

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (31-3) 31-3
Burma Corporation (8-4 1/2) 8-3
Rio Tintos (£12 5/8) £12 5/8
East Rand Proprietors (49-4 1/2) 49-4 1/2
Rand Mines (£8 1/2) £8 1/2

MINE SHARES

Crown (£15 3/8) £15 1/2
Association Portland Cement (69-4 1/2) 68-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (81-3) 81-3
Sub Nigel (£11) £11
Spring Mines Split Shares (27-6) 27-6
Union Corporation (£7 1/2) £7 1/2

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (20-7 1/2) 20-0
Anglo Iranian (84-4 1/2) 83-9
Burma Oil (80) 80-0
Mexican Eagle (6-10 1/2) 6-9
Shell Transport (81-3) 82-6
Royal Dutch (£33 5/8) £33 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES.

Great Western Ordinary (£26 1/2) £26 1/4
London Midland Ordinary (£13) £13
London North Eastern Def (£2 1/4) £2 1/8
London Southern Def (£13 3/4) £13 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent (£116 1/2) £116 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£71 1/2) £70 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Better Sentiment After Premier's Statement

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, March 31.

On the Stock Exchange business was very small during the morning with prices mostly lower pending the Prime Minister's statement in the House of Commons concerning international affairs. After the delivery of the statement the tone improved markedly. A majority of the earlier losses were recovered. Giltedged securities were chief sufferers in early session, though final prices only slightly changed on day. Oils benefitted by late continental demand.
Wall Street opened steady.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 31.

General Motor (dol 46) dol 43 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27 1/8) dol 26 1/8
U S Common New Stock (dol 55 3/8) dol 53 3/8
U S Steel Preference (unquoted) dol 116 1/2

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Selling Pressure In Securities

CALCUTTA, March 31.

Jutes ruled quiet and business has been on limited scale. In coals easier feeling still going on and only small business was put through. Teas entirely neglected.
Miscellaneous:—Indian iron and steel and other speculative issues showed decidedly quieter market to-day in sympathy with weaker American quotation. Other industrials on the other hand displayed very little activities.
Government Securities showed further weaker tendency and the prices of its speculative leader the three and half per cent Government paper, which after opening at Rs. 94, fell back as low as Rs. 93/10 on heavy selling pressure. Other loans remained more or less inactive.
The closing quotations are:—
Govt. Securities: Three and half per cent G.P. 93/9, four per cent loan 1960/70 109/7, three per cent U.P. loan 1961/66 97/2.
Bank: Reserve 110, Darjeeling Himalayan Railway pref 106/8 c div.
Cottons: Kesoram 6/2, New Victoria ord As. 15.
Coals: Amalgamated 22/14, Bengal 302 small lots, Bhulanbaaree 6/3, Jainty Central 1/10, South Karanpura 4/2, Union 25/12.
Jutes: Indian 290, Howrah 54/10, Kanknarrah 362, Kamarhatty 491, Kelvin 410, Lawrence 346 small lot, National 21/8, Reliance 58/8,
Miscellaneous: Burma corpn 5/10, Consolidated tin 6, Indian copper 2, Rhodesia copper 1/5, Dalmia cement ord 9/13 small lot, Bengal telephone pref 14, Indian Galvanizing 20/8 c div. Indian iron and steel 27/9, steel corpn ord 10/15, B. I. corpn ord 2/14, c div. Firpo Ltd 10/4, Calcutta silk pref PPXA ct. Moradabad water supply 4, British Burma petroleum 3/5, Shree Gopal paper pref 65 ct. Titaghur paper "A" ordy 12/8 Ditto second pref 106, Basti sugar 172, Samastipore 4/10, four and half per cent 1931/46, Baraset Basirhat Railway debentures 102/8.—A. P.

FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

Gleanings From The World Press

(From Our London Correspondent.)

Ex-President Hoover, who during his visit to Europe last year saw all the leading European statesmen and dictators, has been attacking Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy and has declared himself an isolationist.

But he does not believe that there will be a European war. We hear that since the days when he lived in Europe he has improved his public speaking, but he still reads his speeches, and his voice lacks all appeal.

He is different man in private conversation. He tells a good story of Field-Marshal Goering. Last year he had a long conversation with the Field-Marshal, who questioned him very pertinently on the latest improvements in industrial and mining production. On this subject Mr. Hoover is completely at home, and he gave a brilliant survey of the newest American methods.

"How long does it take you to introduce these methods?" asked Goering.

"Oh!", said Mr. Hoover. "You have to convince the American business man, who may be unwilling to scrap his plant. That takes time; perhaps a year, perhaps more".

"H'm", replied Goering. "It will be done here to-morrow."

It is the opinion of several prominent Americans, including Mr. Hugh Wilson, the American Ambassador to Germany, that if the Field-Marshal were to become an American citizen he would go right to the top as an industrial organiser.

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We see that the "Angriff", which is closely associated with Dr. Goebbels, has just scored heavily in its desultory war of pinpricks with the "National Zeitung", of Essen. The latter enjoys the favour of Field-Marshal Goering, and the two carry on lively exchanges on behalf of their respective lords and masters.

Recently the "Angriff" appeared triumphantly with the headline "Emmi Needs Some Pocket Money" on one of its main news pages. This was not a reference, as many readers may have thought at first glance, to Frau Emmy Goering, now on holiday with her husband at San Remo It referred to a woman swindler sentenced that day by a Berlin law court to two months' imprisonment.

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Jitterburgs in New York have a new craze; Boogie Woogie, a highly syncopated form of piano playing "It's a sort of rhythmic roll on the bass", explained a leading Boogie Woogie-ist." Then you do the same thing with the melody and just keep pouring it on."

Boogie Woogie is almost exclusively a negro art. Dancers can guess what they are in for when they hear the name of Boogie Woogie's hottest stomp—the "Honky-Tonk Train Blues".

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, March 31.

The following are the maximum-minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:—

Station	Temperature Max.	Temperature Min.	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Rainfall Total	Rainfall Since 1st Nov	Rainfall Difference to	Rainfall Normal
Agra	96	69	—	1.2		—0.5	
Amraoti	97	76	—	3.3		+1.2	
Akola	100	75	—	0.2		—1.9	
Ahmedabad	100	77	—	0.2		—0.2	
Ajmer	91	66	—	2.1		+0.9	
Ahmednagar	97	72	—	0.1		—1.5	
Ambala	91	66	—	5.8		+0.9	
Allahabad	97	72	—	1.3		—0.9	
Benares	97	72	—	3.3		+1.1	
Bareilly	96	71	—	1.1		—2.1	
Bombay	89	77	—	1.1		+0.4	
Bangalore	91	65	—	1.1		—3.3	
Bhopal	95	68	—	1.0		——	
Baroda	101	77	—	—		——	
Belgaum	93	66	—	2.0		—0.6	
Bahawalpore	85	60	—	1.7		+0.3	
Bijapur	98	74	—	0.3		—1.4	
Bellary	81	75	—	0.1		—2.7	
Bhavnagar	100	77	—	0.5		——	
Chittagong	93	74	—	4.7		—1.7	
Calcutta	100	74	—	1.7		—2.1	
Cuttack	103	68	—	1.5		—2.5	
Cawnpore	95	78	—	1.3		—0.7	
Calicut	91	77	—	1.5		—6.0	
Colombo	88	74	T	17.7		—10.0	
Cheerapunji	78	64	—	5.5		—10.6	
Cocanada	93	74	—	12.2		+5.0	
Cochin	87	80	—	9.0		—2.8	
Dehra Dun	87	60	—	4.7		—2.4	
Delhi	94	69	—	1.7		—1.1	
Dehra I. Khan	81	58	—	2.9		+0.4	
Desa	98	73	0.1	0.4		—0.1	
Dalhousie			0.3	25.7		+5.2	
Fort Sandeman	66	45	—	7.5		+3.9	
Gorakhpur	97	73	—	1.1		—0.8	
Hyderabad (Dn.)	97	70	—	1.1		—1.3	
Hyderabad (Sd.)	86	64	—	1.3		+0.4	
Indore	94	71	—	0.3		—0.9	
Jhansi	95	73	—	0.7		—1.0	
Jubbulpore	97	65	—	2.5		—0.5	
Jacobabad	76	59	—	2.9		+1.9	
Jaipur	93	68	T	1.7		+0.2	
Karachi	83	69	—	4.5		+3.0	
Kodaikanal	60	50	—	19.8		+1.0	
Khandwa	99	72	—	0.8		—0.6	
Lucknow	95	75	—	1.0		—1.3	
Ludhiana	90	65	0.1	5.1		+0.2	
Lahore	85	61	—	4.5		+1.3	
Lyallpur	84	58	—	2.6		+0.8	
Multan	83	62	—	2.5		+1.0	
Mysore	94	66	—	1.8		—1.8	
Madras	88	70	—	3.5		—18.5	
Marmagoa	88	77	—	1.0		——	
Malegaon	97	72	—	0.1		—1.0	
Mussoorie	70	50	—	10.3		+0.3	
Mahableshwar	84	66	—	2.0		—0.1	
Murree	48	36	0.5	27.3		+10.4	
Mount Abu	82	66	—	1.2		+0.1	
Masulipatam	89	71	—	15.9		+8.5	
Mangalore	90	78	—	2.1		—1.7	
Meerut				4.5		+1.1	
Mercara	87	60	—	3.1		—1.9	
Nagpur	97	71	—	2.0		—0.8	
Ootacamund	72	45	—	5.9		—5.1	
Patna	96	76	—	3.7		+1.6	
Peshawar	63	48	0.1	12.7		+6.6	
Poona	99	72	—	0.3		—1.0	
Pachmarhi	85	64	—	2.1		—0.9	
Port Blair	88	71	—	20.0		—2.3	
Quetta	58	33	—	11.3		——	
Ranchi	90	70	—	6.8		+2.6	
Rawalpindi	69	44	0.1	20.9		+12.5	
Rangoon	99	74	—	10.3		+6.4	
Ratnagiri	86	70	—	3.2		+2.0	
Rajkot	97	71	—	0.4		—0.1	
Sialkot	80	60	0.1	9.9		+3.9	
Srinagar	47	42	0.6	14.4		+3.4	
Sholapur	99	71	—	0.2		—1.7	
Shillong	79	55	—	5.5		+0.3	
Simla	63	48	T	7.3		—2.8	
Surat	104	81	—	—		—0.4	
Salem	97	71	—	2.4		—3.4	
Trichinopoly	96	75	—	4.5		—5.4	
Trivandrum	90	79	—	6.4		—5.6	
Vizagapatam	86	75	—	14.8		+8.7	

T indicates rainfall of 1 to 4 cents.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 31-3-1939.
Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.021 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 80.9 degrees.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 77.0 degrees.
Maximum temperature during 24 hours 88.6 degrees 1.1 (above normal).
Minimum temperature during 24 hours 76.9 degrees 3.2 (above normal).
Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. 83 p.c.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. SSE.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 3 miles per hour.
Total movement of wind in 24 hours 89 miles.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 20 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 1.
Weather Remark.—Thunder and slight drizzle.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

N Y K s.s. Zinzan Maru of 3107 reg tons Capt T Tagasira arrived from Karachi with cotton and scrap iron cargo
Turner Morrison s.s. Dalmore of 3171 reg tons Capt M White arrived from Samarang via Java Ports with cargo of sugar
L Edward's s.s. Kandelfels of 4783 reg tons Capt P Kohler arrived from Bremen via Hamburg Antwerp Port Said Karachi and Navlakhi with passengers and general cargo

SAILED

Turner Morrison s.s. Rezwani of 3329 reg tons Capt T T sailed for Calcutta in water ballast
N Y K s.s. Ginyo Maru of 6128 reg tons Capt T Nakano sailed for Karachi via Cutch Kundla with passengers local and same bottom cargo
M M s.s. Steel Trader of 3450 reg tons Capt J D R Haddiday sailed for Calcutta via Colombo Madras and Rangoon with same bottom cargo.
James Mackintosh s.s. Cape Sable of 2708 reg tons Capt G Macfadyne sailed for Calcutta in water ballast
Turner Morrison s.s. Islami of 3617 reg tons Capt P M Mirrless sailed for Calcutta in water ballast.

STEAMERS IN DOCKS

ALEXANDRA DOCK

Bombay, March 31.

1 C/Canterbury 5290 Karachi 2-4 K Nixon
2 Steel Trader 3450 Colombo 31-3 M M
4 Dalmore 3171 Bedi Bunder 1-4 T Morrison
12 Britannia 5276 Karachi 1-4 Anchor Line
13 Lady Denison Pender 841 NF 1-4 Eastern Tele:
14 Lichtenfels 4594 Hamburg 2-4 L Edwards
15 George M Livanos 3209 Port Said 1-4 L Dreyfus
Viceroy of India 10027 London 1-4 M M
17 Zinzan Maru 3107 Yokohama 2-4 N Y K

VICTORIA DOCK

2 Jalayamuna 3080 Rangoon 2-4 Scindia S N
3 Vita 1953 Karachi 1-4 M M
3 Cape Sable 2708 Calcutta 31-3 Mackintosh
4 Vasna 2028 Busra 30-3 M M
6 Odda 470 Cochin N F S Hassum
12/13 Orna 4030 Calcutta 3-4 M M
14 Bankura 1896 P Gulf 5-4 M M
16 Shrivati 250 NF NF Malabar

PRINCE'S DOCK

B Victoria Marie 882 Malabar Coast 4-4 Merchant S N
D/E Pundit 3199 Rangoon 1-4 T M
G Janaki 530 NF NF Malabar S C
N/O Islami 3617 Calcutta 31-3 T M

Steamers Expected

FROM LONDON
Warfield 4-4-39 M M
Comorin 6-4-39 P and O S N
Strathaird 13-4-39 P and O S N
Cathay 20-4-39 P and O S N
Stratheden 24-4-39 P and O S N
FROM HULL
Kioto 1-4-39 J Finlay
FROM LIVERPOOL
Harmonides 4-4-39 J Finlay
HAMBURG
Kybfels 4-4-39 L Edwards
FROM NEW YORK
Salavati 10-4-39 Volkart Bros
Vito 7-4-39 Volkart Bros
City of Royville 11-4-39 L Edwards
Pres. Monroe 20-4-39 F F Campbell
Pres. Garfield 6-4-39 F F Campbell
FROM OSLO
Japan 7-4-39 L Edwards
FROM TRIESTE
Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino
FROM GENOA
Casaregis 3-4-39 L Triestino
Paolina 6-4-39 L Triestino
Conte Biancamano 10-4-39 L Triestino
FROM CHINA AND JAPAN
Melbourne Maru 3-4-39 O S Kaisha
Anyo Maru 24-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Victoria 5-4-39 L Triestino
Nagato Maru 14-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Eihuku Maru 23-4-39 O S Kaisha
Conte Verde 20-4-39 L Triestino
FROM BASRA
Varsova 1-4-39 M M
Bamora 6-4-39 M M
FROM JEDDAH
El-Hind 2-4-39 Sc. S N
FROM SYDNEY
Strathallan 8-4-39 P and O S N
FROM RANGOON
Jalapadma 4-4-39 Sc. S N
FROM DURBAN
Karanja 1-4-39 M M
Tairea 15-4-39 M M
FROM MOULMEIN
Nirpura 4-4-39 M M
FROM KARACHI
Vita 6-4-39 M M
Ginyo Maru 6-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Britannia 7-4-39 Anchor Line

Sailing Dates

FOR LONDON
Viceroy of India 1-4-39 P and O S N
Strathaird 15-4-39 P and O S N
Strathallan 8-4-39 P and O S N
Mooltan 22-4-39 P and O S N
Stratheden 29-4-39 P and O S N
FOR LIVERPOOL
Britannia 7-4-39 Anchor Line
City of Simla 5-4-39 K Nixon
City of Canterbury 17-4-39 K Nixon
Circassia 21-4-39 Anchor Line
FOR NEW YORK
Pres Garfield 8-4-39 F F Campbell
City of Corinth 29-3-39 F F Campbell
FOR PORT SAID
George M Livanos 1-4-39 L Dreyfus
FOR TRIESTE
Conte Verde 20-4-39 L Triestino
FOR GENOA
Victoria 8-5-39 L Triestino
FOR CHINA AND JAPAN
Melbourne Maru 12-4-39 O S Kaisha
Conte Biancamano 10-4-39 L Triestino
Ginyo Maru 15-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Ranchi 27-4-39 P and O S N
Zinzan Maru 2-4-39 N Y Kaisha
Melbourne Maru 12-4-39 O S Kaisha
Nagpore 13-4-39 P and O S N
Conte Rosso 24-4-39 L Triestino
FOR GERMANY
Lichtenfels 2-4-39 L Edwards
FOR SYDNEY
Comorin 6-4-39 P and O S N

FOR BASRA
Bankura 5-4-39 M M
Varsova 6-4-39 M M
FOR DURBAN
Tairea 26-4-39 M M
Karanja 12-4-39 M M
FOR CALCUTTA
Islami 31-3-39 T Morrison
Orna 3-4-39 M M
FOR RANGOON
Jalayamuna 2-4-39 Sc. S N
FOR KARACHI
Ginyo Maru 30-3-39 N Y Kaisha
Britannia 1-4-39 Anchor Line
Vita 8-4-39 M M
Nagpore 1-4-39 M M
City of Canterbury 2-4-39 K Nixon
B P. T. GENERAL LANDING DATES
S S Nawab 30-3-39
S S Bhadravati 30-3-39
S S Irrawadi 31-3-39

EXPORTS.

Bombay, March 31.

S S Viceroy of India for London: 6 bales cow hides tanned Ralli Bros; 8 bales sheep skin tanned F Janmohomed 8 bales woollen carpets M Mackenzie; 300 bags gr nut with shell M Mansukhlal; 117 bags turmeric G Gokalchand.
For Toronto: 7 bales woollen carpets M Mackenzie.
S S Britannia for Liverpool: 21 bales wool raw C Lister; 34 bales d/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 50 bales cotton twist waste C Jairam.
For Manchester: 50 bales cotton twist waste C Jairam.
For Marseilles: 15 bales cotton waste T Laxmidas.
S S C/O Canterbury for Liverpool: 27 bales wool raw Vijaysingh; 100 bales wool raw C Lister; 1280 bags gr nut oil cake exp. K Devchand; 250 bales cotton fly L O Vora; 16 bales wool raw A J Calcuttawalla; 45 bales wool raw Vasanji.
S S Zinzan Maru for Kobe: 138 bales raw cotton N Manilal; 200 bales raw cotton Konishi; 200 bales raw cotton N Futelal; 100 bales raw cotton R Kanji; 150 bales raw cotton K Devchand; 200 bales raw cotton Kotak.
For Jinsen: 100 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha.
For Mozi: 100 bales raw cotton K Devchand.
For Yokkalchi: 100 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha
For Yokohama: 100 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha
For Shanghai: 100 bales raw cotton K Poonja; 300 bales raw cotton V Morarji; 200 bales raw cotton S R Tulshan; 200 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 200 bales raw cotton M Amersey; 200 bales raw cotton Kotak; 200 bales raw cotton A Clayton.
For Osaka: 100 bales raw cotton M Amersey; 600 bdls new tin plate cuttings Ali Bros.
S S Leichtenfels for Hamburg: 5388 bags gr nut oil cake rap P Surchand; 1900 bags gr nut oil cake rap H Rawji; 55 bales raw cotton N Nagsee; 14 cases cattle guts dry Ad Meyer; 16 cases dry guts D Abraham; 110 bales cotton waste C Jairam
For Helsinki: 8 dms castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills.
For Trinidad: 100 bags gr nut with shell S M Rajgor.
For Demerara: 50 bags gr nut with shell S M Rajgor
For Antwerp: 91 bales raw cotton A Khimji; 110 bales raw cotton Japan Cotton Trading; 50 hemp H Gopiram; 55 bales cotton waste C Jairam.
For Ghent: 550 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 250 bales raw cotton B Cursondas.
For Tripoli: 30 bales cotton grey yarn A El Ejel
For Klaipeda: 28 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros.
For Bremen: 128 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros.
For Rotterdam: 119 bags gr nut kernel S M Rajgor; 150 bags gr nut kernel Vishram Khimji; 2000 pkts gr nut oil cake exp A Oomerbhoy; 400 pkts myrabollams H Bhagwandas.

IMPORTS.

S S Neidenfels Agent Lionel Edwards from Hamburg: 94 cases machinery; 165 dms caustic soda; 125 cases wire nails; 250 cases iron nails; 894 cases glass bangles; 832 bales paper; 110 rolls paper; 131 cases bolts and nuts; 276 pcs eware; 58 cases padlocks; 131 cases gablong goods; 125 cases slate pencils; 150 bdls y m sheets; 200 d/bag amijol; 215 dms lubg oil; 100 ssks hyposulphite of soda; 245 loose stl tyres; 151 cases heel tips; 323 goonjas exhausted clove stems; 245 pcs boiler tubes; 216 bdls boiler tubes, 133 cases iron chains; 114 cases lamps cheap tin iron; 215 dms hard whale oil; 761 cases sewing machines; 748 cases harricane lanterns 110 dms mercury atlas flag brand; 306 cases iron blue cut tacks; 90 bales halloware; 155 cases window glass; 90 dms magnesium chloride; 300 pcs aspen wood; 100 i/bris mercury atlas flag oil.
From Bremen: 350 bags broken tiles; 262 cases ship chains; 100 bags dairy salt; 176 cases beer; 125 pcs iron casks; 100 pcs iron poles; 72 cases empty glass bottles; 80 bales cycle tyres; 51 cases combs; 60 bales wrapping paper; 297 bdls iron tubes; 282 bdls y m circles; 55 cases y m circles; 77 coils iron wire, 300 bdls baling hoops; 162 i/dms chemicals; 200 d/bags rivets; 79 bdls iron hinges 76 bdls steel tubes; 100 coils galvd plain iron wire; 83 cases bolts and nuts; 68 rings motor car pneum covers; 74 cases m s rivets; 200 bdls y m sheets; 75 cts tiles.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 31-3-39.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 84.0 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.09 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.88 inches.
For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

All the other candidates having withdrawn, Mr. H. C. Dasappa has been declared elected President of the second Mysore Congress Convention to be held at Viduraswatham (about 50 miles from Bangalore) on April 15 A.P.

Farm Board Offers American Cotton To Lancashire

ROOSEVELT'S EXPORT SUBSIDY PLAN MEETS OPPOSITION

Long Liquidation In N. Y. Cotton Market

BOMBAY, March 31.

The reaction on the Wall-Street Market and less favourable political news prompted buying and covering on Chicago Grain Market which otherwise was an extremely quiet reflection of the disposition to await further unfolding of events in Europe. Cotton was colourless with little incentive from the trade; pending clarification of the confused Washington outlook.

The New York Cotton market opened steady but was dull. Trade buying met light scattered long liquidation and local straddle reversing. There was buying of nears and selling of distants. Later prices eased on liquidation.

FARM BILL

The outlook in Washington is still very confused. President Roosevelt's export subsidy plan is meeting with considerable opposition from trade and Congressional circles. Meanwhile a group of Southern Senators headed by Senators Smith, Bankhead and George have announced a new programme in opposition. Their plan to reduce loan cotton is two-fold. Firstly it permits growers to reclaim loan cotton at from 3 to 5 cents per lb. provided they reduce new production in an equal amount. Secondly an additional subsidy of 3 cents per lb. will be paid to growers if they agree to market their cotton instead of putting it in loan.

Senator Smith estimates the plan would not require more than 120 million dollars for additional payments and would not entail a loss of more than sixty million dollars on reclaimed cotton.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York Cotton market opened at about the highest level of the day and closed at the lowest level. July opened at a rise of 3 points at 7.93 and declined to 7.85. It is reported that the U. S. Farm Board has offered six hundred thousand Bales within three years but the offer was not accepted. The market closed at a net decline of 3 to 6 points. Spot cotton prices declined 3 points at 8.80 per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 2 to 6 points. Spot cotton prices declined 3 points at 8.52 c. per lb

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market opened at a rise of 3 points with July 4.51. In view of powerful opposition to President Roosevelt's subsidy plans, the market was nervous and bewildered pending more definite news. There was scattered buying and trade calling against light liquidation and speculative selling. Later on the market was in a hesitant waiting mood. Local liquidation met trade calling. The market closed at a rise of 2 points to unchanged. Middling American spot cotton prices advanced 6 points at 5.02 d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton was steady with Giza 2 points up and uppers 3 points down. The Alexandria market was also steady and Sakels futures advanced 16 to 23 points and Ashmouni contracts gained 1 to 12 points.

EXPORT BOUNTY.

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. state:—

During most of the week under review fluctuations in the American markets were of minor importance and the feeling seemed to be that the proposal to introduce an export subsidy would be dropped. The statement made by President Roosevelt on Tuesday after the markets had closed proved that traders had been wrong and there was a sharp drop in the Liverpool market yesterday in old crop months. The message as received in this market is not very clear except that it is evident that President Roosevelt has at last realised that the policy which he has been following in recent years cannot be continued. We gather that the large quantity of cotton in the Loan is to be gradually released on the export market by means of a bounty but the amount per pound of this bounty is not very clearly stated. Until we are in receipt of fuller details it is impossible for us to estimate what effect the new arrangement will have on markets. Until such time as the American Government has definitely made up its mind traders will be well advised to keep a square book in the New York and Liverpool markets. We should welcome any proposals which would result in the American Government getting out of the market.

LOCAL MARKET.

Recently the Bombay market has been taking a line of its own. As will be noted from the quotations whilst Liverpool May has dropped 19 points Broach quotations have actually advanced by over one rupee. For some considerable time the Bombay market was running well below parity with other growths and this naturally resulted in a large offtake of our cotton. This has been particularly noticeable in style which are tenderable against our hedge contracts. It is several years since such a large proportion particularly Broach styles has been removed from the market so early in the season. Should the export bounty proposals for American cotton be accepted, there will be a large falling off in the demand for Indian cotton outside this country. On its own the Indian cotton position is now fairly healthy for the remainder of the present season the Bombay market will be affected less by fluctuations in America than would have been the case had the bounty proposals come earlier in the season. However in view of these bounty proposals we cannot continue to hold the bullish opinion we have been expressing for Indian cotton in recent weeks and would advise client to liquidate holdings or to hedge stocks until such time as it is possible to formulate a clear view of the future trend of the market.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (10 a.m.)	7.93+03
New York July lowest (3 p.m.)	7.85—05
Liverpool July highest	4.52+04
Liverpool July lowest	4.46—02

Messrs. Patel Brothers have received the following cable from one of their Liverpool friends:—

Reported Farm Board have offered British Spinning Corporation six hundred thousand bales over three years not accepted, but indicates American policy near future. Consider subsidy ultimately certain. Advise selling Liverpool American nears, also selling nears buying distants.

New York: Market opened steady but dull. Trade buying met light scattered liquidation and local straddle reversing. There was buying of nears and selling distants. Later eased on liquidation. The session closed steady.

Messrs. Brennan and Co. have received the following cable from Liverpool:

Would recommend holders straddle purchases New York sales Bombay transfer sales Broach into sales American nears Liverpool due President's support export subsidy despite strong opposition expect early sanction which should affect Liverpool far more than Bombay.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Far-East and Liverpool selling with trade buying nears and foreign buying distants.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following cables from their New York friends:—

'Market affected unfavourably by political situation Europe. European selling July October prospectively. Curtailment stimulates moderate business in dry goods. Oppositions President's plan increasing. Easier undertone.'

'Prospects are favourable that President's export subsidies plan will be combined with modified form of revised Smith Bill. 'Longs' nervous. Market looks like declining further.'

'Oppositions lack organization increasing likelihood subsidy reports suggest possible release million bales prior August but domestically not below 8.30.'

'Consider export subsidy threat more than humour.'

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 30

May	8.05—03
July	7.85—05
October	7.58—06
December	7.52—06
January	7.53—06
March	7.61—04
Middling Spot	8.80—03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 30

May	8.17—02
July	7.97—03
October	7.68—06
Middling Spot	8.52—03

NEW YORK

New York, March 30

11-00 A.M. RANGES

May	8.08/8.08
July	7.89/7.89
October	7.59/7.59

NOON CALL

May	8.09
July	7.88
October	7.60

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, March 30

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	2,000 bales.
Day's exports to Great Britain	1,000 bales.
Day's exports to the Continent	1,000 bales.
Day's exports to China and Japan	8,000 bales.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 31

From the beginning we pointed out that there was no possibility of a corner in the local market and present state indicates that professionals have abandoned the plan. However they are doing havoc in the Mahajan Association where Broach A/M is quoted Rs. 3 above J/A delivery.

These operations are purely of a speculative nature and in the long run will do serious damage to the cotton trade. American Government is prepared to adopt export subsidy and although there is considerable opposition, we see no change for any rise in price. American Government is holding large stocks under loans and they are anxious to recapture lost markets. Thus if the subsidy plan is passed we look for a smart decline in the price of cotton and think it risky to have any speculative holdings.

The danger of dumping American cotton is there and we hear that U. S. Farm Board is anxious to sell cotton at concession rates Thus the indications are in favour of lower prices and the much talked corner in the local market seems to have no justification. However some of the leading operators who have extensive long interest find them caught in an hopeless situation and making attempts to get out by artificial manipulation.

In sympathy with a decline of 5 points in New York futures, the local market opened at Rs. 152/8 for Broach A/M delivery and declined to Rs. 152/4. Later on the market was steady at Rs. 152/8. The market was steady at this level.

Liverpool market opened at a decline of one point and later was quoted 8 points down. In the local market there was increased selling and the market closed at the lowest level at 5 p.m.:—

F G M G—			
Broach A/M	Rs.	151	4 0
Broach J/A.		151	6 0
Fine M G.—			
Oomra May		138	12 0
Oomra July		139	2 0
F G M G—			
Bengal May		113	8 0
Bengal July		113	12 0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, March 31.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup Fine	F G	Good
M. G.—				
Bengal U.P.	123	120	117	114
Punjab	123	120	117	114
Rajputana	125	122	119	116
Oomra No. 3	148	145	143	139
C. P. No. 1	163	160	157	154
C. P. No. 2	154	151	148	145
Broach No. 2	158	156	154	152
Punjab-Ame.	179	177	174	172
Surat	203	201	199	197
Rajpipla	199	197	195	193
Navsari	211	209	207	205

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, March 31.

Bengal Superfine	121/22
Bengal Fine	117/18
Bengal F.G.	155/16
C. P. 1	154/57
C. P. 2	146/47
Arvi	145/46
Amraoti	137/41
Ellichpur	144/45
Berar	137/41
Malkapur	136/37
Khandesh	119/29
Jalna/Sailu	133/35
Burwah/Sanavad	139/41
Khandwa	139/41
Mathia F.G.	109/14
Broach	155/60
Punjab 4 F.	175/80
Punjab 289F.	207/12
Sindh N. T.	187/99
Ankleshwar/Jaghadia	194/97
Surat	200/02
Navsari	207/08
Western Farm	167/72

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, March 31.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

In full-pressed Bales.	2 days	Since 1st September. This year.	Last year.
Khandesh	216	36,273	46,688
Central India	1,620	202,892	36,224
Barsi and Nagar	1,466	63,866	126,855
Hyderabad-Gaorani		4,183	36,660
Berar	2,129	151,005	269,487
Central Provinces	398	33,236	59,342
Total Oomras	5,829	491,455	575,256
Dholera	1,050	142,424	52,076
N.-W. Provinces		2,284	2,558
Rajputana	578	52,573	12,413
Sind-Punjab	1,437	286,153	453,893
Broach	11,899	268,991	85,857
Coompta and Dharwar	668	19,296	12,022
Westerns-Northerns	526	23,684	9,724
Cocoanada		84	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,553	1,418
American		2,578	153,430
Egyptian, African and Sudan	1,771	219,532	280,445
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		7	1,170
Total	23,758	1,512,616	1,640,273
Arrived by road to 23rd Mar. 39		286,183	...

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept. to 23rd Mar.

In full-pressed Bales.	Yester-day.	This year.	Last year.
Europe	1,503	191,832	177,684
Japan and China	800	612,883	373,547
Coast Ports	200	22,537	41,199
Up-country by Rail		171,321	231,553
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		24,535	15,077
Total	2,503	1,023,108	839,060

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, March 30

March	4.68+02
April	4.65+02
May	4.62+02
June	4.54
July	4.48
August	4.44
September	4.41
October	4.41
November	4.40+01
December	4.41+01
January	4.42
February	4.43
Maroh	4.45
Middling Spot	5.02+06
	10-12 a.m. quotations
May	4.65
July	4.52

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, March 31

Yesterday London gold prices advanced 1/2d. to £7-8-6 1/2. London Paris Exchange rate was unchanged at 176.76. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.68 3/16. London silver prices were unchanged at 19 7/8d. India bought but America was inclined to buy and the market was quietly steady. Later on American trade was a small buyer at fixed prices. New York silver was unchanged at 42 3/4 cents and Shanghai T T on London was quoted 0/8. London Bombay Spot parity was Rs. 52-6-9 and forward was Rs. 51-13-9. The local prices are now more in line with London prices as there exist little straddle business. The local market was quietly steady with a limited turnover and the outlook indicates little change.

GOLD

Ready	37	0	3
Chaitra delivery	37	0	7 1/2
Chaitra Tejimandi	0	1	0
Vaishakh delivery	37	1	3
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0	3	9

SILVER

Ready	52	9	0
Chaitra delivery	52	7	6
Chaitra Tejimandi	0	4	6
Vaishakh delivery	52	5	3
Vaishakh Tejimandi	0	10	6

LONDON SILVER

London, March 30

Spot	19 7/8
Forward	19 5/8

LONDON GOLD

London, March 30

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£7-8-6 1/2

LONDON METALS

London, March 30

Copper	£43 7 6
Lead	£14 12 6
Spelter	£13 15 0
Tin	£214 10 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, March 31.

London Market.—	
Standard copper cash (buyers)	£43-5-0
Standard copper 3 months	£43-10-0
Electrolytic copper	£49-10-0
Bombay Market—	
Yellow Metal sheets	Rs. 40-0-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 48-6-0

Tone:—Very steady.

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, March 30.

April	£10-3-9.
May	£10-5-0.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, March 31.

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	26	14	0
Highest	25	15	0
Lowest	26	13	6
Closing	26	15	0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening	27	5	0
Highest	27	6	3
Lowest	27	3	3
Closing	27	4	3
Cottonseeds May+			
Opening	24	9	3
Highest	24	12	0
Lowest	24	6	6
Closing	24	7	0
Clearing Rates:—			
Castorseeds May	26	14	0
Groundnuts May	27	4	0
Cottonseeds May	24	8	0

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, March 30.

March	51 1/2d.
May	52 3/8d.
March New	50d.
May New	50 7/8d.
July New	52 5/8d.

Wheat Chicago

Chicago, March 30.

May	dol 0.68.
July	dol 0.67 7/8.
September	dol 0.68 3/4.

New York Sugar

New York, March 30.

July	1.98.
September	2.01.
November	2.04.
January	1.97.

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, March 31.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready Javas	15	6	0
Shipment April-May	6	0	6
Shipment June	6	0	6
Shipment July	5	15	9
Shipment August	5	15	3
Shipment September	5	13	6
Java Spot	F	6.70.	

LONDON SUGAR

London, March 30

May sh. 6 5 3/4d.

LONDON SEEDS

London, March 30

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. Mar sellers	£11-2-6
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. Mar sellers	12-11-3
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. Mar Apl sellers	12-17-6
Rapeseed Toria March Apl sellers	11-7-6
Castorseed Bombay Hull c.i.f. Mar Apl sellers	10-10-0

LONDON PRODUCE

London, March 30

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe Mar April sellers	20/1 1/2
Wheat Barletta Russo	unquoted
Wheat South Australian March sellers	20/9

LINSEED OIL

London, March 30

Linseed oil naked London per cwt April sellers	24/1 1/2
Linseed oil naked London per cwt May Aug sellers	24/1 1/2

LONDON RUBBER

London, March 30

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. Unchanged.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, March 31

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	93/14
2 3/4 per cent 1948/62 Loan	98/6
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	100/2
3 per cent 1941 Bonds	101/10
3 per cent 1963/65	97
3 1/2 per cent 1947/55	104
4 per cent 1940/43 Bonds	107/2
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	109/9
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	115/4
5 per cent U P Bonds	98
5 per cent 1939/44 Loan	100/10
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan	104/2/6

TAX FREES

5 per cent 1945/55	113/12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	111/12
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent 1972 B P T	109
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	108
5 per cent 1954 M Deb	116
6 per cent M Deb 1954	129
6 per cent K P T 1956	129

Note: Tone easy.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 31

B C RATES—

T T D D 1/5 7/8

LONDON—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 15/16
Bank's buying T T 1/5 31/32
Bank's buying D D 1/6
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/16 to Feb.

NEW YORK—

Bank's selling T T 286 5/8
Bank's buying T T 284
Bank's buying D D 283 1/4

PARIS—

Bank's selling T T 1,309
Bank's buying T T 1,326

JAPAN—

Bank's selling T T 78 3/8
Bank's buying T T 77 1/2
Bank's buying 60 days 76 7/8

AMSTERDAM—

Bank's selling D D 65 3/8

JAVA—

Bank's selling D D 65 1/4

HONGKONG—

Bank's selling D D 83 1/2

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D 47

SINGAPORE—

Bank's selling D D 156 1/2

BERLIN—

Bank's selling D D 86 1/4

CROSS RATE—

New York London 4.68.12 30th instant
Japan London 1/2 1/64 31st instant
Hongkong London 1/2 13/16 31st instant
Shanghai London 0/8 1/4 31st instant
Java London 8.79 5/8 31st instant
London Paris 176.76 30th instant
London Belgium 27.83 3/4 30th instant
London Switzerland 20.88 3/4 30th instant
London Berlin 11.67 1/4 30th instant
London Stockholm 19.42 3/8 30th instant
London New York 4.68.26 30th instant
London Amsterdam 8.81 7/8 30th instant
London Italy 89.02 30th instant
Tone of Sterling Exchange: Dull.
Gold £7-8-5 29th instant
Gold £7-8-6 1/2 30th instant
Silver London Ready 19 7/8 29th instant
Silver London Ready 19 7/8 30th instant
Silver London Forward 19 5/8 29th instant
Silver London Forward 19 5/8 30th instant
Silver New York Ready 43 29th instant
Silver New York Ready 43 30th instant
London discounts 3 months 13/16 per cent 29th instant
London discounts 3 months 15/16 per cent 30th instant
London discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 29th instant
London discounts 6 months 1 1/2 per cent 30th instant
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—

Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 1 1/2 per cent.
6 months 1 1/2 per cent.

Tone: Steady.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, March 30

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	69 1/4
3 1/2 per cent	81 1/2
4 per cent 1948/53	103 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	98 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	107 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	110 1/4
5 per cent 1942/47	106 1/2
3 per cent 1949/52	94 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	67 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	95 1/2
4 per cent Funding loan 1960/90	105 1/2
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary	41/10 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 30

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£70
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	69 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	81 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	107 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	67 5/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	94 1/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	95 1/2
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	105 1/2
Victory Bonds	105 3/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	8 3/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg	82 1/2
National Bank of India	29 1/4

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, March 30

T T London on:	
New York	4.68.26
Paris	176.76
Berlin	11.67 1/4
Madrid	42.00 sellers
Montreal	4.70 5/16
Amsterdam	8.82 1/16
Brussels	27.83 1/4
Milan	89.02
Berne	20.88 3/4

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, March 30

Fair rio coffee No. 7 quality Unchanged

LONDON SPELTER

London, March 30

Spelter Hard (Indian brand) f o b 11 1/2 to 12 1/2

Nervous Selling In Steels On European Developments

WALL-STREET PRICES DOWN BY THREE DOLLARS

Bazar Covering At The Decline

BOMBAY: March 31.

Yesterday there was active selling from London Operators the Wall-Street Market as a result of serious developments in German-Polish situation. There was a continuous flow of selling and U. S. Steel shares declined dollars three at 52-1 8. Anaconda Coppers declined dol. 1-3/4 to 25-1/4 and General Motor shares closed dol. 2-5/8 down at 43-1/4.

British Government has now decided to offer help to Polish Government and this report influenced general selling in the local Market and during the middle of the session prices were pressed down to the lowest level. Later on there was some short covering and prices rallied to opening level for Tata Steel shares.

The local Market being free of weak holdings was able to bear the shock, but in view of renewed political tension in the European situation, we believe it risky to have large speculative holdings.

All markets are nervous and there is absence of confidence. In this state of perplexed situation, it is difficult to look for any investment support and the course of prices will be guided by day-to-day developments in the European situation.

As pointed out before, at this time of the year speculation is at a low ebb in the local market and most of the investors being out of the city fluctuations are likely to be narrow. The market will be under the control of Bazar Jobbers and Operators who will prefer quick turns.

In view of the decline of three dollars in U. S. Steel shares, the local market opened at Rs. 1,107 for Tata Steel shares against last closing at Rs. 1,135. There was increased selling and prices declined to Rs. 1,085, but later rallied on short covering and closed at Rs. 1,105.

Cotton Mill shares were again pressed down by long liquidation and Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 817. To-day being the last day for evening up business, there was little fresh business and carrying premiums were narrow.

It appears that Bazar Operators are divided into two groups and Old Bulls are operating for a decline, but they are also covering their shares at moderate profits.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, March 31.

100	Ahmd. Advance	376	4
100	BOMBAY DYEING	820	0
100	CENTURY	222	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	211	0
100	COLABA	110	0
100	Cooria	95	0
250	David	75	0
250	Dawn	310	0
1	E. D. Sassoon	0-3	-6
100	Finlay	96	0
100	GOKAK	126	0
1.000	Hindustan	1,705	0
100	Indore	46	8
100	Khatau	98	0
100	KOHINOOR	218	0
250	Laxmi XD	460	0
250	Madras United	35	0
100	Morarji	115	0
250	Model	46	8
50	MYSORE	85	0
200	NEW GREAT	192	8
100	Osmanshahi	40	0
100	PHOENIX	220	0
25	Sassoon Silk	68	0
1,000	Sholapur	3,200	0
50	SIMPLEX	68	8
100	SWADESHI	209	0
100	Swan	94	8
500	Vishnu XD	1,055	0
1.000	Westerns	860	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	110	0
25-50	Central	31	5
500	Imperial	1507	8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	365	10
50-100	India	135	8
100	Reserve Bank	109	12
5	Union	5-14	-0

CEMENTS

100	Associated	112	0

INSURANCE

100	Empire	635	0
15-100	Jupiter	12	6
20	Mercantile	53	8
15-75	New India	35	2
200	Oriental	4,210	0
10-50	Vulcan	7-3	-6

ELECTRIC

100	Ah. Old	137	8
1,000	ANDHRA XD.	1,370	0
10	Ajmer	11	14
50	Bombay Tram	127	0
100	Bombay Suburban	142	8
10	Broach	9	5
100	Karachi	186	4
100	Poona XD	167	8
100	Surat	151	4
100	TATA HYDRO	145	8
1,000	TATA POWERS XD	1,227	8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	345	0
100	C. Province	100	0
100	Dh. Baramati	101	8
100	Gujarat	96	8
100	Mandra Bhon	101	0
100	Pachora Jamner	95	0
100	Sara Serajganj	99	12
500	Tapti Valley	732	8

MININGS

9	Burma Corp. XD	5	11
2sh.	Indian Copper	2-0	-6
10	Indian Iron and Steel	27	12
10	Shivrajpur	35	0
30	TATA STEEL DEFDS	1,105	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	242	0

MISCELANEOUS

100	Alcok	315	0
10	Air Services	8	9
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	171	0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	793	12
250	BOMBAY STEAM	210	8
125	B. BURMA	418	0
50	BOMBAY CONTY.	145	0
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3-5	-9
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	78	4
100	IND.BLEACHING	101	0
50	Ind. Invest Trust	40	8
100	I. Radio Defd	390	0
100	I. Radio Ord.	380	0
100	Port Canning	68	0
30	Premier Con.	60	4
1	Scindia	18	0
25	Tata Oil Mill (nil)	36	4

PREFERENCE

5-1/2	Amalgamated (T.F.)	106	0
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1,445	0
6	p. c. Bombay Steam	285	0

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, March 31

Bombay Dyeing (830) 822 821 818 821 817
Century (225/8) 222 221 222
Central India (212/8) 211
Kohinoor (220/8) 219 217 218
New Great (200) 200 190 192
Simplex (69/8) 69 68/8
Swadeshi (209) 209 208 209
Associated Cement (112/12) 112 112/4 111/12
Andhra (1380) 1370
Tram Ord (127/8) 127
Tata Hydro (146/8) 146/8 145/8
Tata Power (1261/4) XD 1230 1232 1225 1227
T Steel Defd (1135) 1105 1110 1085 1095 1105
T Steel Ord (247) 243 244 240 241 242
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (156/8) 156/8 155/8 155/12
Bellapur (171) 171 170 171
B Steam (210/8) 210/8
B Burma (425) 422 421 422 419 418

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 31.

Yarn No. 6 1/2s—		
April	97	0 0
June	97	0 0
August	98	0 0
Yarn No. 10 1/2s—		
April	108	0 0
June	108	8 0
August	109	0 0
Yarn No. 20 1/2s.—		
April	142	0 0
June	143	0 0
August	144	0 0
Yarn No. 40s.—		
April	216	0 0
June	216	0 0
August	217	0 0

Wall-Street Nervous On International Crisis

Messrs. Batliwala and Karani have received the following cable from New York dated 30 march:—

"Business although is running ahead last year, failed to score improvement regarded normal for season. This showing of disappointment in light of expectations six weeks ago reflects attack of nervous feeling which has over taken business and finance. Already nervous due to continuing international crisis, sentiment has been further upset by failure of Administration's Business Appeasement programme to take a concrete form. In such a state of mind rumours and conjecture have exaggerated influence. Until atmosphere both here and abroad clarifies price trend will be dictated by daily news or rumours."

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

London, March 30.

	This week,
Total bullions	£227,200,000
Public Deposits	£ 21,800,000
(A) Other deposits	£134,800,000
Government securities	£102,300,000
(B) Other securities	£ 27,200,000
Notes and coin	£ 45,200,000
Notes in circulation	£482,000,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	28.90 p.c.
(A) Other deposits include	£ 98,500,000
(B) Other securities include	£ 4,800,000
Total deposits	£156,600,000
Total securities	£129,500,000

7	p.c.. Bombay Tram (T F)	75 0
5	p. c. Central India (T. F.)	567 8
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 1st XD	104 4
6-1/4	p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd XD	96 4
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	144 6
7½	p.c. Tata Power	1,523 0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	205 0
7-1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	155 8
7	p.c. Vishnu	717 8

DEBENTURES

3-3/4	p. c. Andhra Valley	102 2
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	105 10
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	50 8
7	p.c. Sholapur	80 0
6	p. c. Tata Hydro	105 8

(Capital Letters indicate Shares on Forward List).

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BOMBAY: SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1939

Britain & France To Help Poland If Attacked

Unqualified Warning To Germany

Close Consultations With France: America Expects Another Munich

PARLIAMENTARY OPINION HARDENS IN FAVOUR OF ACTION: BECK'S HISTORIC VISIT TO LONDON

LONDON, March 31.

THE Cabinet will meet early this morning to approve the final form of the statement which the Prime Minister is expected to make when the House of Commons meets at 11 a.m.

Several morning papers state that Britain and France are guaranteeing to assist Poland if attacked.

The "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" says that the Prime Minister will issue an unqualified warning to Germany that Britain will oppose by every means in its power any further act of aggression in Europe.

ENGLAND CONSULT FRANCE

Reuter's Lobby Correspondent writes that to-day's Cabinet meeting specially reviewed the information relating to Poland.

It is gathered that the information did not prove to be altogether conclusive, and it is hoped that the visit of Col. Beck may serve to clarify the position. At the same time the Ministers are known to have been unanimous and determined on the anti-aggression declaration. Any delay in the issue thereof is taken as due particularly to the close consultations with France which are necessary before the final draft can be issued.

An important statement is expected in the Commons to-morrow morning. Meanwhile the absence of any opposition query after questions to-day gives a measure of hardening of Parliamentary opinion which is apparent to-night. All parties wish that Government will make their declaration as soon as possible and none desires to hamper them in the preparatory task.

The full programme of official conversations and social events has been arranged for Colonel Beck who is arriving in London on April 3.

The official programme terminates on April 6 when Colonel Beck may return to Poland, if circumstances require. Otherwise he may extend his visit over the Easter holidays.

AMERICA EXPECTS ANOTHER MUNICH

A telegram from Washington says:

It is understood that diplomatic and other information reaching Government suggests that the tension in Europe is likely to be maintained in the near future.

The totalitarian States are credited with the intention of forcing upon the Democracies "another Munich." Government therefore hopes to help secure "peace without surrender" by a decisive relaxation of the Neutrality Act next week.

BOSSES BUSY OUTSIDE GERMANY

Telegrams from Berlin say:—

The building of a motor road through the corridor would be difficult and expensive and would, it is suggested, give excellent opportunities for smuggling.

WITH HERR HITLER IN BAVARIA, DR. GOEBBELS IN RHODES, FIELD MARSHAL GOERING IN ITALY AND HERR FUNK BUSY WITH REICHSBANK, NO IMPORTANT CABINET MEETINGS OR SECRET COUNCILS ARE LIKELY TO BE HELD HERE.

THE PAPERS CONTINUE TO GIVE NO CLUE OF THE OFFICIAL OPINION OR INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO POLAND.

Herr Funk announced that there would be recall of Reichsbank shares from abroad and compensation to their owners.

POLAND ACCUSED OF ILL-WILL

Allegations of Polish ill-will in the minorities question were made by the Minister for the Interior, Herr Frick, in a speech here.

Herr Frick declared that the Polish-German Minorities Agreement had not satisfied all desires. He hoped that talks would lead to satisfactory results "for there are a number of burning questions."

TENSION REACHING "DECISIVE" STAGE

A telegram from Warsaw says:—

Emphasis is placed in the whole press to-night on the importance of Col. Beck's forthcoming visit to London.

Observers discount the rumour that he may stop in Berlin 'en route' to London. Such action, it is suggested, could only appear to be the result of German pressure to compromise the Government's liberty of action in foreign affairs.

FORESHADOWING THAT THE WEEK-ENDING WITH COL. BECK'S RETURN FROM LONDON WOULD BE "DECISIVE" THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER "WIECZOR WARSZAWSKI" COMMENTS "POLAND'S POSITION IN EUROPE IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AT THE MOMENT AND THE WORLD IS WATCHING HER MOVES."

Dr. Moscwicki had a three hour conference with the principal Opposition Leaders this evening. It is stated that they discussed internal politics.

Contributions to the Internal Defence Loan announced earlier in the week now exceed a million and a half sterling.

EVILS OF DRINK

THE MOST EXPENSIVE TOMBSTONE IN THE WORLD

REFUGEES' SCREAMS FOIL EJECTMENT PLANS

Painful Scenes At Croydon

LONDON, Mar. 30.

Painful scenes occurred at Croydon aerodrome when an attempt was made to send back 12 aliens including a woman who arrived yesterday in a Danish air liner from Warsaw. They were mostly Jewish refugees from Czechoslovakia and had sent the previous night in the local police station.

Permission to stay in Britain was refused to-day and the refugees were transported back to the aerodrome.

All became hysterical and screaming threatened to jump out as soon as the 'plane was in the air. Eventually the pilot declared that he could not start with occupants in such a state of mind and after a hurried conference by the aerodrome officials all were taken back for another night in the police station.—Reuter.

When Britain's Anger Is Roused

It Will Last Through End Of War

What a tragic mistake to imagine that Britain is like Jerico whose walls will fall if only the trumpet is blown loud enough, explained Mr. Oliver Stanley addressing a Chamber of Shipping dinner in London.

IF THE CALL CAME WE SHOULD MEET IT NOT WITH THE CLAMOUR OF A FACILE MOB EASILY AROUSED, BUT WITH THE SLOW ANGER OF OUTRAGED CONVICTION—ANGER THAT WOULD LAST THROUGH TO THE END.

Others had tried to dominate the world in the past and he hoped the lesson of their fate would yet be learned.

Mr. Stanley was replying to a speech by the Duke of Kent who dwelt on the optimistic future of British shipping whose confidence received a great stimulus from Mr. Stanley's announcement on March 28.

Lord Chatfield in the first after dinner speech as a Minister said that Britain would, if necessary, play not an unimportant part in ensuring that force or threat of it would not dominate the independence of European State.

He hinted that Britain had surprises in store for those who imagined that they could inflict a vital blow upon this country in war time.

Mr. Robertson Gibb, President of the Chamber, declared that Mr. Stanley could depend on the fullest co-operation of the shipping industry in working out the details of his scheme.—Reuter.

LEBRUN ASKED TO CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT

PARIS, March 30.

It is revealed that a united all-party effort will be made to persuade M. Lebrun to accept the office of President for a further term.

M. Lebrun is expected to reply on Friday.

Since M. Lebrun has not given a definite refusal political circles consider that there is good ground for hoping that he will accept.—Reuter.

NAZI PRESS GETS ANGRY

BERLIN, Mar. 31.

The unanimous vote of sympathy for the Czechs which was passed by the French Chamber last night has aroused the anger of the press.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" calls it "a conscious provocation against the Reich" and hints at a diplomatic protest. It also describes it as an "incitement to revolution."—Reuter.

DAIL PASSES TREASON BILL

DUBLIN, March 30.

By 58 votes to 31 the Dail finally passed the Treasons Bill, which is one of the two Government measures designed to deal with activities of illegal organisations.—Reuter.

Canada To Stand By England

MacKenzie King's Declaration In Parliament

OTTAWA, March 30.

No country had been or should be given any ground for believing that in the event of the Empire being attacked Canada would stand alone, declared Mr. MacKenzie King opening a debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons.

He added, "I want to emphasise that our closer and more responsible relations with the United States have not in any way lessened the intimacy of our relations with the United Kingdom.

An act of aggression against Britain would be a menace to the freedom of Canada and every other nation in the British Commonwealth."

Mr. MacKenzie King continuing said that the idea that Canada should risk the lives of her citizens every twenty years to protect small nations seemed to many a nightmare.

The dominion had enough difficulty in keeping its own house in order without risking bankruptcy and help run a continent which could not run itself.

President Roosevelt had promised last August that the United States would not tolerate foreign domination of Canada. That month was as important to Canada as September was to Europe.—Reuter.

MIAJA IN TEARS

Shiploads Of Refugees Pour Into Algier

ALGIER, March 30

General Miaja arrived here in tears.

Shiploads of Refugees continue to arrive from Carthagena, but it is doubtful whether they will be allowed to land.—Reuter.

NATIONALISTS IN VALENCIA

VALENCIA, March 30.

Nationalists marched into Valencia through gaily decorated streets lined by cheering crowds. The occupation was carried out by Galician Division at the head of which marched Gen. Aranda, the hero of the long siege of Oviedo.—Reuter.

ARABS KILL CONSTABLE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 30.

An unarmed British Police Sergeant, Johnson, chased two Arabs who shot and killed a Jewish constable at Haifa today.

Johnson heard the shot and saw the Arabs running away with rifle and pistol in their hands, and by tackling them secured both the weapons but the Arabs escaped.

Fire In Barracks

A serious fire last night caused damage estimated at 1,500 sterling in the military barracks of the First Battalion, Sherwood Foresters.

The officers' quarters were destroyed.—Reuter.

CHARLIE CHAN WOULD HE BE THE CORPSE?

THIS IS MARGA DEEPING! SHE'S A NUISANCE, INSPECTOR. SO TRY TO AVOID HER! —CHARLIE CHAN, HIS SON, LEE, AND CAPTAIN HARTLEY!
DON'T BELIEVE A WORD HE SAYS, CHARLIE! HE'S MADLY IN LOVE WITH MARGA— AND I DON'T BLAME HIM!
IF HE WERE NOT, HE WOULD BE IDIOT, AND BOB MORRIS HAS NEVER BEEN SENSELESS FOOL!
NOW, YOU SEE, BOB - THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE WHO REALLY APPRECIATE ME!
AH! HERE IS THE REMAINDER OF OUR PARTY! —COUNTESS ALBANI AND HUGH FALLON— —CAPTAIN HARTLEY, LEE CHAN AND INSPECTOR CHAN OF THE HONOLULU DETECTIVE FORCE!
'OW DO YOU DO?
A CHINESE DETECTIVE! REALLY, SOMEONE OUGHT TO STAGE A NEAT LITTLE MURDER FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT, INSPECTOR!
HUGH!
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